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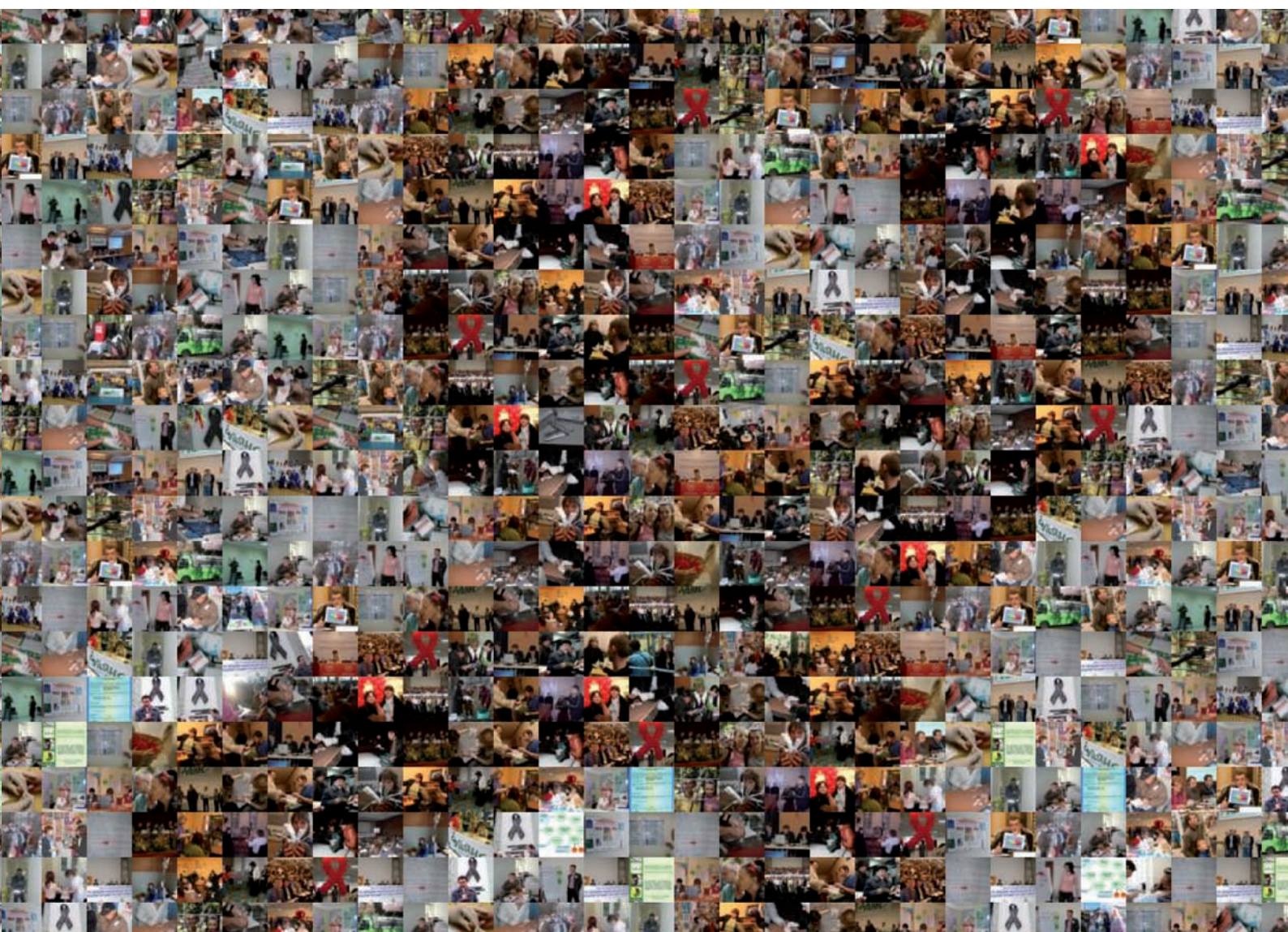
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Dear Readers,

The year of 2007 brought a number of challenges and achievements for us. We have become stronger as organisation; we managed to achieve all major targets and assumed new commitments. Starting from August 2007 we became a Principal Recipient of the Global Fund funding for HIV prevention among vulnerable groups till 2012.

We are honored to report on the implementation results of the most large-scale HIV/AIDS Programme in the country as of 2007. We are proud that the programs implemented by the Alliance-Ukraine with the support of the Global Fund, USAID, other donors led to the first turning point in the HIV/AIDS situation in Ukraine: the number of new AIDS cases decreased from 4 723 cases in 2006 to 4 573 cases in 2007. The decrease, first of all, is resulting from substantial scale up of antiretroviral therapy in Ukraine over the last three years.

We also set our priorities for the future. They include a transfer of the Alliance Ukraine into a strong autonomous organisation with independent governance, scaling up our activities in Ukraine and other countries. The year 2007 gave a start for providing technical assistance to our colleagues in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

We achieved significant results in 2007 but we have more important tasks in front of us. We hope for your support and further fruitful cooperation.

With sincere gratitude to a friendly Alliance Ukraine team and kind appreciation to those partners with whom we managed to achieve common results,

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1. Contribution of ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” to the National HIV/AIDS Epidemic Response in Ukraine in 2007

For Alliance-Ukraine 2007 was the year of achievements, conclusions and development of plans and strategies for the future. Summarizing the year results, we see three key achievements:

- 1. Impact on the epidemic: expansion of ARV-therapy.** Thanks to the support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Alliance-Ukraine made a significant contribution in scaling up ARV-therapy programmes in Ukraine. As of the end of 2007 5,268 patients received this vital treatment (this makes up almost 70% of the total amount of patients in need). **Owing to programmes, administered by Alliance-Ukraine, Ukraine has reached a turning point for the first time since the outbreak of HIV/AIDS epidemic – the number of new AIDS cases has decreased** during the last year from 4,723 cases in 2006 to 4,573 cases in 2007. Such reduction can be linked to the implementation of the large-scale antiretroviral therapy in Ukraine in 2006—2007.
- 2. Advocacy victories: all obstacles were removed on the way towards the introduction of treatment programmes of methadone substitution maintenance therapy for drug dependent individuals.** Due to close cooperation with partners, our coordinated efforts received an absolute support of the President of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko regarding the expansion of substitution therapy programs and resolution of other related issues (including relevant government funding, transparency of the Ministry of Health procurement procedures, etc.). This support was reflected in the Presidential Decree “On Additional Urgent Measures in Response to HIV/AIDS in Ukraine” as of December 12, 2007.
- 3. Development of clear strategy and provision of ongoing funding of integrated prevention and care initiatives for populations, affected by HIV/AIDS in Ukraine.** Quite ambitious strategy for 2008—2010 was developed; we plan to achieve all set targets. In August 2007 Alliance-Ukraine became one of two principal recipients of the new five-year programme “Support for HIV and AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care for Most Vulnerable Populations in Ukraine” within the Global Fund’s Round 6 funding of USD 151 million. All-Ukrainian NGO “All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV” was qualified as a second principal recipient.

* Hereinafter referred to as “Alliance-Ukraine”.

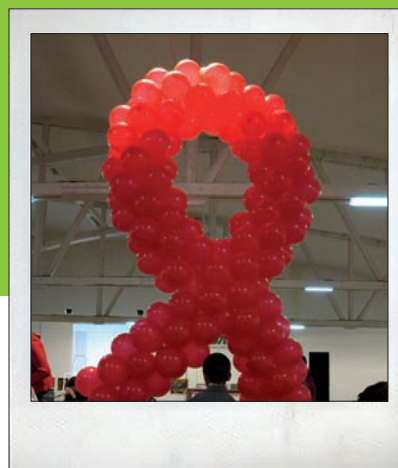


Key Alliance-Ukraine Achievements in 2007

- Thanks to the Global Fund funding, antiretroviral therapy became available to 5,268 HIV-infected individuals.
- 7,326 HIV-infected pregnant women received ART to prevent mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy and in childbirth;
- 547 individuals with opioid dependence receive substitution maintenance therapy in 10 regions.
- Effective and transparent medical product procurement and delivery system was set up to comply with the highest European standards.
- A significant scale up of the list of HIV prevention services was observed. Prevention services reached 140,555 injecting drug users; 21,330 female sex workers; 10,361 men who have sex with men and 45,148 prison inmates.
- Trainings on HIV/AIDS prevention and healthy lifestyles teaching methodology brought together 5,590 teachers; 65,398 students received appropriate training on these issues.
- Unified methods of data collection for national indicators were developed (under the aegis of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); comprehensive monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system was set up. This M&E system, as well as M&E plan, developed by the Alliance-Ukraine for the National HIV/AIDS Programme, complies with international monitoring and evaluation standards and UN recommendations on harmonization and coordination of efforts to fight HIV/AIDS epidemic.

In 2007 some positive changes in behavioural and epidemiological indicators among injecting drug users (IDU) were observed for the first time. In comparison to 2004, in 2007 the frequency of use of sterile injecting equipment increased from 50% to 84%, so did the use of condoms during the last sexual intercourse (from 34% to 55%) among IDU (National HIV/AIDS UNGASS Reports, 2005 and 2008). Moreover, sentinel surveillance results demonstrate that average value of HIV prevalence among IDU with recent history of drug use has dropped from 23.8% in 2005 to 20.2% in 2006 in 12 cities of Ukraine, where these sentinel studies were held. If this trend persists during the upcoming years, it can be considered as one of features of prevention programming impact on HIV infection among IDU.

On November 08, 2007, after the approval of the new edition of the government's National Programme on HIV Prevention, Support and treatment of HIV-infected and AIDS Patients for 2004 2008, the Global Fund's programme became its integral and component part. Activities within programs, implemented by the Alliance-Ukraine, covers the majority of measures, envisaged by the National Program on HIV Prevention, Support and treatment of HIV-infected and AIDS Patients for 2004 2008. In particular, this concerns treatment, care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH); training of specialists; prevention among the most vulnerable youth; research and study activities and country reporting on the implementation of programmes in response to the epidemic.



To ensure more effective coordination of work within programmes, Alliance-Ukraine signed memorandums of understanding and cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine, State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine. Within the framework of the treatment component realization, Alliance-Ukraine regularly cooperates with the Ukrainian AIDS Centre at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and its Committee on Counteraction of HIV/AIDS and other Socially Dangerous Diseases. Development of programmes and approaches regarding targeted prevention is carried out accord-

ing to the Joint Action Plan for 2007, developed with the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports to ensure effective coordination of efforts in the area of HIV prevention among most-at-risk populations, as well as care and support of people living with HIV.

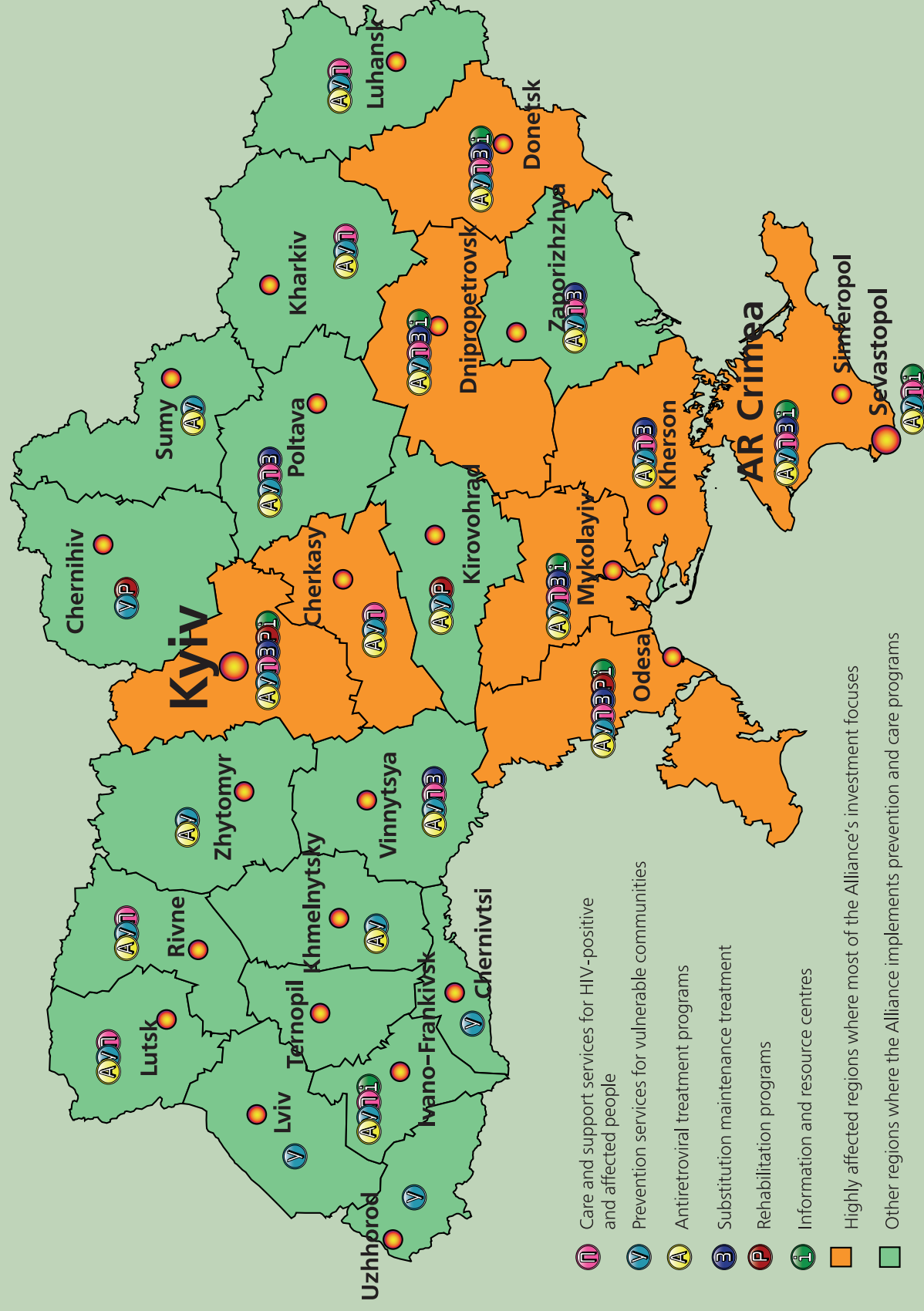
The development of the national monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system is coordinated with all relevant central executive authorities. Such coordinated efforts in 2007 led to the successful development of the National HIV/AIDS UNGASS Report for 2006 2007 by the working group, coordinated by Alliance-Ukraine and UNAIDS and with the participation of all responsible central executive authorities.

Alliance-Ukraine works in the regions of Ukraine on the level of communities, whose representatives were personally affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, as well as with the most vulnerable communities. Non-governmental HIV-service organisations are Alliance's main partners in carrying out these activities. In 2007 Alliance-Ukraine provided funding to 140 of such organisations.

Our commitments for 2008

- To make antiretroviral therapy available to 6,000 patients.
- To ensure access to substitution maintenance therapy to 6,000 injecting drug users (for 1,250 of them – in parallel with ARV-therapy).
- To ensure access to necessary antiretroviral drugs to 12,200 HIV-positive pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.
- To cover 26,300 people living with HIV/AIDS with non-medical care and support services.
- To make prevention services available to 150,000 injecting drug users, 15,000 commercial sex workers and 19,200 prison inmates.

The map of services available through the financial and technical support of Alliance-Ukraine.



2. Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities

The International Charitable Foundation “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” is the leading professional organisation, which leads national efforts in response to HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.

As an independent legal entity, Alliance-Ukraine is an integral part of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (an international charitable organisation with a Secretariat located in Brighton, United Kingdom), which currently undergoes a transformation from the national representative office to the independent national organisation. It is a member of the Alliance Global Partnership, which unites organisations in over 30 countries and which helped over 3,000 projects to receive financial support during the last decade.

The Alliance started its activities in Ukraine in December 2000 with the implementation of the project “NGO Support and Resources Development for HIV/AIDS Prevention in Ukraine”, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the Transatlantic Initiative of the European Commission and the US Government to fight HIV/AIDS. The Alliance-Ukraine was registered in March 2003 as The International Charitable Foundation “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”.

The Alliance-Ukraine shares the general vision with the global partners of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, which is “a world where people do not die of AIDS, where have brought HIV under control”.

The Mission of Alliance-Ukraine is to reduce the spread of the HIV infection and AIDS mortality and alleviate the negative impact of epidemic through supporting community action against HIV/AIDS in Ukraine and disseminating effective approaches to prevention and care throughout Eastern Europe and Central Asia

The main strategic areas of the Alliance-Ukraine activities are:

- **To ensure sufficient access of communities to comprehensive and high-quality services according to current needs in order to impact the epidemic. This will lead to behavioural changes, which can reduce the risk of HIV infection among vulnerable populations, and improve the quality of life of those living with HIV.**
- **To support sustainable response to the epidemic at the local, national and regional level through policy advocacy, developed on the basis of situation analysis; capacity building of HIV-service, non-governmental and other relevant local organisations; as well as stimulation of attraction of adequate financial resources.**

These two strategic areas are being implemented through five strategic objectives of the Alliance-Ukraine:

- 1. Scaling up access to services:** to ensure expansion of access of key most-at-risk populations to comprehensive and ongoing HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support services, focused on client needs.
- 2. Community mobilization and technical assistance:** to encourage active participation and capacity building of communities and citizen associations, vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, in order to create opportunities for service provision and protection of interests through technical assistance and provision of resources.
- 3. Quality programming:** to develop and to promote comprehensive, effective and evidence-based programmes, models and mechanisms in response to concentrated epidemic.



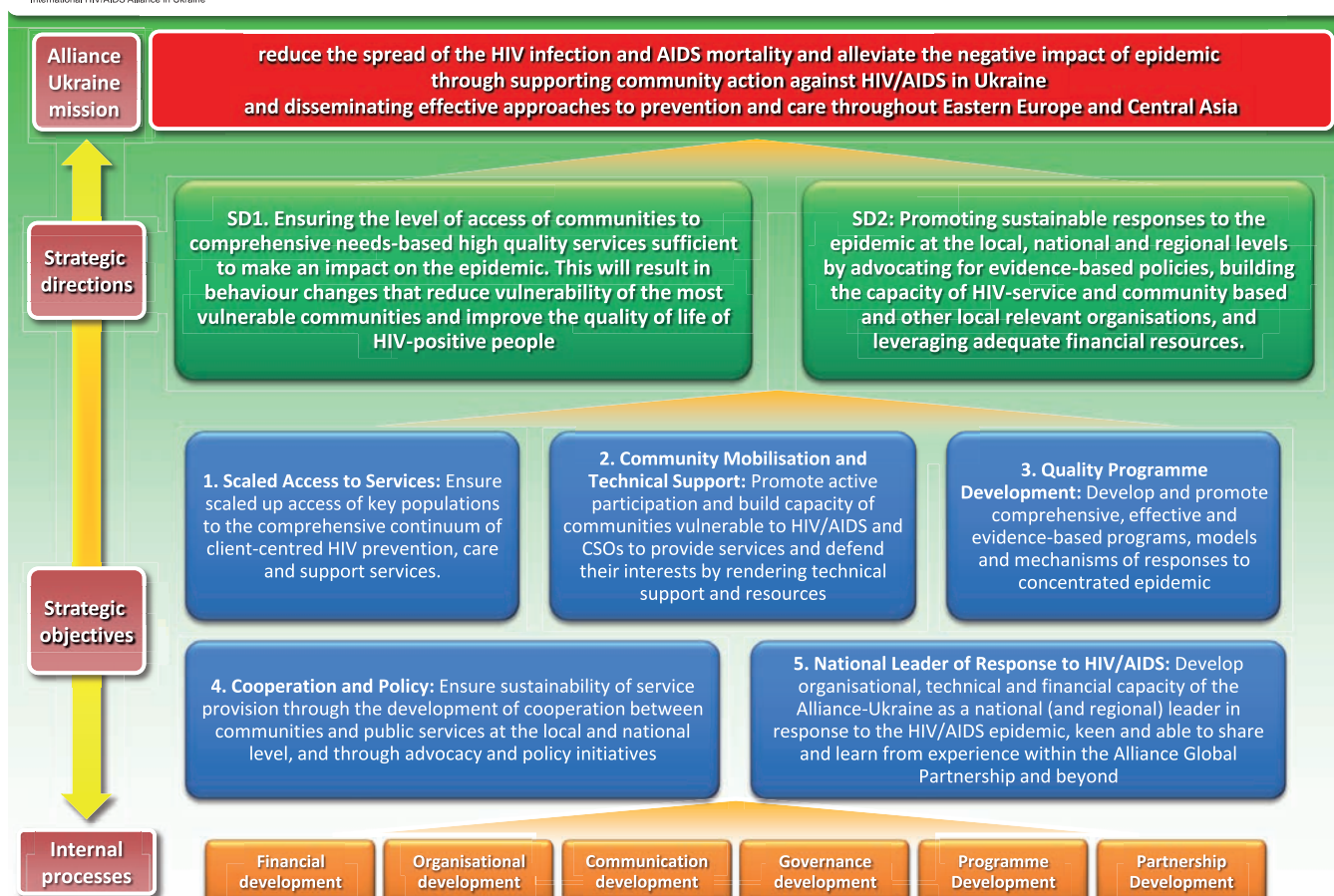
4. Cooperation and policy: to ensure sustainable service provision through the development of cooperation between communities and government services at the local and national levels by means of advocacy and policy initiatives.

5. National leadership in response to HIV/AIDS epidemic: to develop institutional, technical and financial capacity of the Alliance-Ukraine as a national non-governmental leader in response to HIV/AIDS epidemic with valuable experience of other countries of the region, which is ready and capable of sharing and learning experience within the Alliance Global Partnership and beyond.

Priority activities of the Alliance-Ukraine include support of citizen initiatives and focusing of programme activities on services of targeted prevention among most-at-risk groups (including people living with HIV, injecting drug users, commercial sex workers, men who have sex with men, prison inmates, “street children”); promotion of social support to HIV-infected individuals and members of their families; reduction of stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV. Integrally, it fosters capacity building of dedicated non-governmental organisations and local state healthcare and social services to find effective forms and methods of work and to develop effective model of the citizen response to HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ukraine.



Strategic Framework 2010



3. ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”: Programmes, Projects, Partners

Currently the Alliance-Ukraine implements a number of large programmes in response to the epidemic in Ukraine, which are funded by various donor organisations, and which are to play an important role in setting up comprehensive response to the spread of HIV/AIDS in Ukraine.

3.1. Programmes, Funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Round 1

Beginning from March 15, 2004 the Alliance-Ukraine administers the implementation of the programme **“Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine”** as a principal recipient of the grant.

This programme is one of the most powerful initiatives to fight HIV/AIDS in the country, with the budget amounting to \$100 million (for the period to March 2009). The main goal of the programme is to reduce HIV incidence and morbidity rates, as well as AIDS mortality in Ukraine.

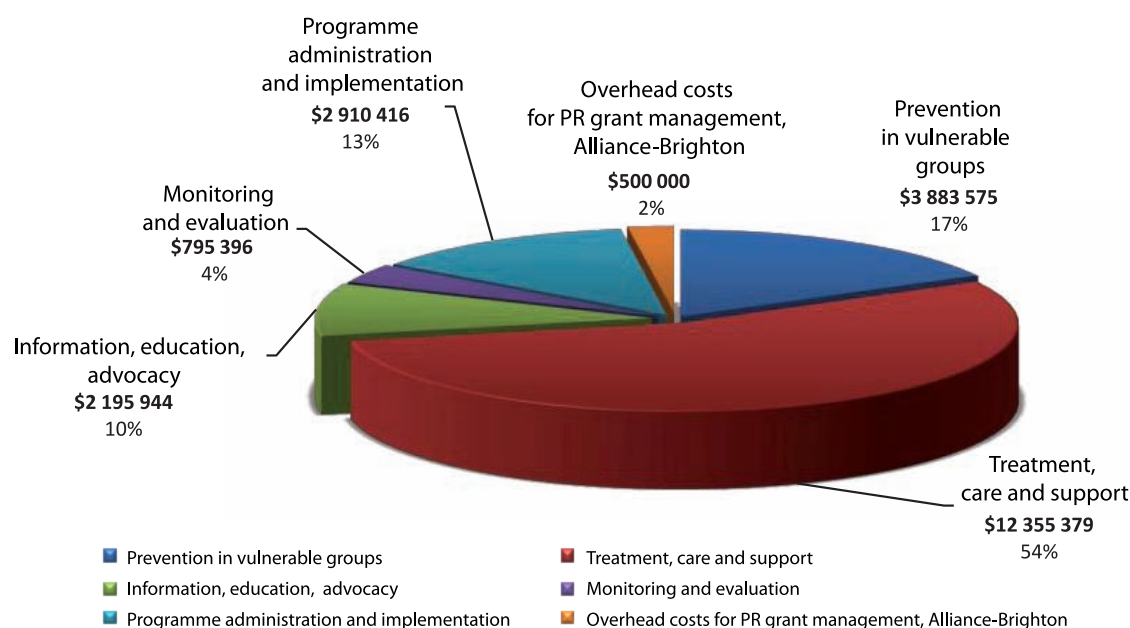
The programme offers a comprehensive HIV/AIDS response covering four areas of activity, including:

- Treatment, care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS;
- Further development and scale-up of prevention services for populations most vulnerable to HIV (injecting drug users, female and male commercial workers, prison inmates);
- Creation of an enabling environment through information, education and advocacy;
- Promoting the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS monitoring and evaluation system in Ukraine.

Among the variety of measures within the framework of **“Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine”** Programme, the following should be highlighted:

- Support to national diagnostics and treatment standards development and implementation;
- Ongoing supply of ARV drugs, other medicines and medical equipment to ensure HIV/AIDS treatment and monitoring;
- Training of medical staff and other specialists involved in provision treatment, care and support services;
- Support of the self-help movement among people living with HIV, home-based care and psychological support programmes;
- Development and provision of prevention services in communities vulnerable to HIV;
- Ongoing procurement of prevention commodities;
- Facilitating better coordination between various aspects of national and local response to the epidemic;
- Support to effective political dialogue between different sectors contributing to the response to the epidemic;
- Development and dissemination of IEC materials at the national and local levels;
- Support to research necessary for better understanding of epidemiological trends and elaboration of relevant measures in response to HIV/AIDS.

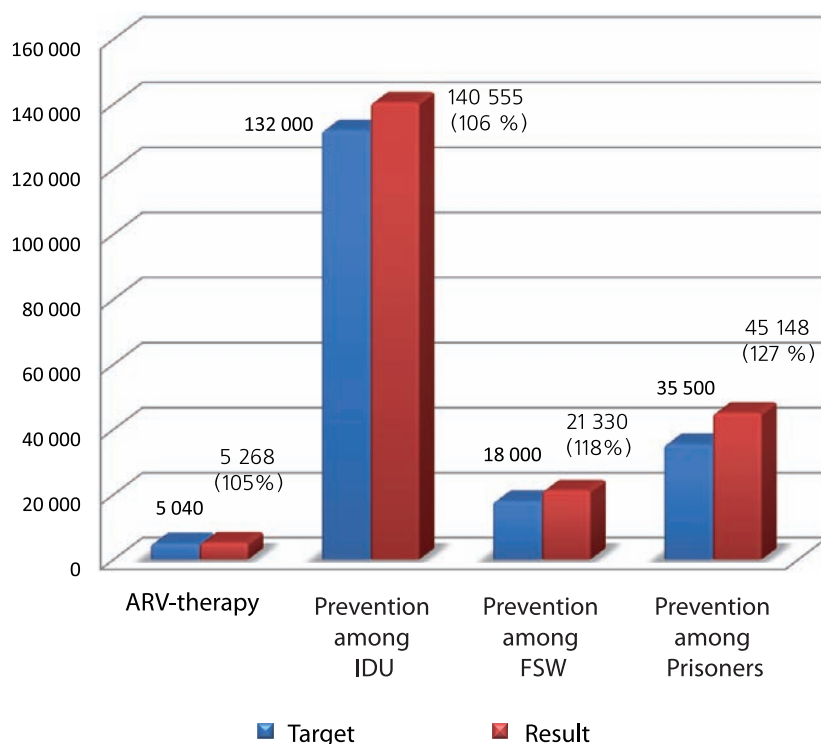
The Structure of 2007 Programme Expenditures within Round 1



In 2007 the Programme has not only exceeded basic target indicators, agreed with the Global Fund, but also became a powerful component within the national response to HIV/AIDS epidemic. Activities within this Programme covers the majority of planned measures envisaged by the National Programme on

HIV Prevention, Support and Treatment of HIV-infected and AIDS Patients for 2004-2008, including treatment, care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS; training of specialists; prevention among the most vulnerable youth; research on the programme implementation effectiveness.

According to the results of 2007 calendar year, key Programme indicators were exceeded.



All IDU and FSW, reached by prevention services, received the basic package of HIV prevention services (condoms, syringes (for IDU), IEC materials, counselling of social workers and referrals to other specialists depending on the client needs); they also

received an access to HIV testing using rapid tests, community centre services and specialist counselling. Beginning from 2008 they will also have access to STI diagnostics and treatment and mobile clinic services within various projects.



Round 6

On August 20, 2007 an agreement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria was signed regarding the implementation of the programme **“Support for HIV and AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care for Most Vulnerable Populations in Ukraine”**, with two principal recipients – ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” and All-Ukrainian NGO “All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV”. The maximum programme budget for the period from August 2007 to July 2012 amounts to \$151 million.

The overall goal of the Programme is to reduce HIV transmission and HIV-related morbidity and mortality in Ukraine through interventions focused at most-at-risk populations. Building on achievements in the national response to AIDS, which have been supported by the Global Fund’s Round 1 grant, the Government of Ukraine and contributions from other sources, this Programme aims to increase access to prevention, treatment, care and support for those most-at-risk for HIV and those most affected by the epidemic (active injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, female sex workers, prisoners, street children aged 10-18 years and persons living with HIV/AIDS).

It is expected that in five years implementation of large scale prevention programmes for most vulnerable populations will result in increasing the percentage of IDU, CSW and MSM who follow safe behaviour (the use of clean injecting equipment and condoms), in particular: the number of IDU who practice safer behaviour will increase from 53% in 2006 to 65% in 2012; and respectively, the number of CSW - from 85% in 2006 to 94% in 2012; MSM – from 72% to 85%. Additionally, the reduction of HIV prevalence rates among these populations would be among long-term results of this programme implementation.

Key achievements of the Round 6 programme in 2007 include its successful start-up and identification of implementing partners:

- In July 2007 open calls for project proposals were announced in different activity areas, including HIV/AIDS prevention, medical and social follow-up of the substitution therapy.
- As a result of competitions, 64 organisations-winners were identified; grant agreements were concluded.
- As a result of negotiations agreements were reached on the provision of condoms, syringes and other materials for prevention programmes.
- An agreement with USAID was reached regarding supply of 30,000,000 condoms for Ukraine. 19 million of condoms will be delivered to the Alliance-Ukraine. In September 2007 the first delivery occurred (8,500,000 condoms). The second delivery (10,500,000) is expected in March 2008.
- An agreement with MoH of Ukraine (within the World Bank loan “Control over TB and HIV/AIDS in Ukraine”) was reached regarding provision of 18,000,000 syringes and ethanol pads, as well as 6,000,000 condoms, which are expected to be delivered in March 2008.
- The work on preparation to implement STI component of prevention programmes was launched. Negotiations with key partners in this area were held.
- A contract on STI treatment implementation in AIDS centres was concluded (the first stage).
- The programme initiated review of current and development of new universal procedures for the utilization of the used syringes, thus making it possible to remove current difficulties, faced by organisations implementing syringe exchange programmes for IDU.

3.2. Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services (SUNRISE)

The Alliance-Ukraine is partnering with PATH (Programme for Appropriate Health Technology) and the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV to implement the “Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS Through Information and Services” (SUNRISE) project. For the Alliance-Ukraine it is the second largest (in terms of its importance and scale) project to fight the epidemic, with the budget over \$8 million.

In 2007 the project was implemented in 29 settlements in the most affected regions of Ukraine – in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Kherson and Cherkasy oblasts, in Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol.

The goal of Sunrise project is to substantially decrease HIV transmission among the most vulnerable communities through the significant increase of access to high quality prevention and care information and services among these populations in the selected regions of Ukraine.

This goal will be achieved by working towards the fulfilment of four key objectives:

1. To effectively reach at least 60 percent of the most vulnerable populations with effective, high quality information and services to prevent parenteral and sexual transmission of HIV infection.

This objective envisages the provision of prevention services and information to representatives of key most-at-risk populations, including injecting drug users, female sex workers and men who have sex with men.

In 2007 20 non-governmental organisations received funding to implement prevention programmes among these groups. *Overall, at the beginning of 2008, prevention measures and information within*

the SUNRISE project reached 113,580 IDU, 17,695 CSW and 10,113 MSM.

Within the information component of the project, 75 information materials in the area of prevention were developed in 2007. 312,055 copies of these materials were disseminated among the representatives of key target populations.

2. To increase the accessibility of high quality care and support information and services for people living with HIV/AIDS and other populations, affected by the epidemic

All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV is the main partner of the Alliance-Ukraine in the implementation of this component.

In 2007 22 non-governmental organisations received funding to provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS. In particular, project clients received services of non-medical care and support; social follow-up; psychological support. Additionally, clients received an opportunity to participate in self-help groups and to get legal counselling. Within this component day care centres for children of PLWH and support groups for family members of PLWH were organized. *Overall, at the beginning of 2008 services and information on different aspects of life with HIV/AIDS were provided to 27,910 PLWH.*

3. To strengthen the prevention-care continuum with a particular focus on improvement of quality and reach of voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) services.

The Programme for Appropriate Health Technology (PATH) is the main partner of the Alliance-Ukraine in the implementation of this component. The SUNRISE project conducts trainings to train VCT specialists; provides technical assistance to VCT centres and develops formats for cooperation between NGOs and VCT centres.

In 2007, thanks to the SUNRISE project, 334 specialists received professional training on HIV counselling and testing in accordance with the national and international standards. Having received appropriate technical, advisory and methodological assistance, 133 VCT service centres provided counselling and testing services to 11,220 individuals during the last year.

4. To strengthen the capacity of local organisations and communities to analyze, plan, monitor and evaluate newly introduced types of information and services in a collaborative manner.

In 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine continued to provide technical and methodological assistance to partners, which work in the area of overcoming the epidemic. Below are the main achievements of the project within this component:

- During the year 249 NGO representatives participated in trainings on various aspects of institutional capacity building, including trainings for trainers, positive prevention programme implementation and strategic planning.
- The Alliance-Ukraine organized and held three operational studies on the following topics: "Mobilization and Capacity Building of Vulnerable Communities"; "Analysis of the Range of Services Provided by Faith-Based Organisations of Different Confessions in the Area of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control"; "Attraction and Use of Community Resources in the Work of HIV-service Organisations in Ukraine".
- In 2007 the SUNRISE project continued to support the work of nine regional coordinators in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Kherson and Cherkasy oblasts, in Crimea and in the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol. Their main task is to provide technical assistance to local NGOs; to coordinate regional efforts in fighting the epidemic; to foster cooperation between relevant NGOs and government bodies regarding planning, development and implementation of regional HIV/AIDS programmes.

Positive Prevention

Positive prevention is any intervention or approach, directed at the provision of information, education and support to HIV-positive individuals. The main goal of positive prevention is to support and creation of environment for healthy live styles among HIV-infected persons, as well as prevention of further spreading of HIV.

Within the framework of the SUNRISE project, the Alliance-Ukraine continues to implement positive prevention approaches. In 2007 preliminary training course for trainers was completed; appropriate training programmes were finalized. Within the framework of this project 19 trainers were trained. Twelve of them have developed their own modules and launched individual trainings and workshops on this topic, as well as modules for PLWH on healthy life styles, ART adherence, voluntary disclosure of HIV status, etc. Trainers developed 9 training programmes and piloted 5 of them. Active work was initiated to collect methodological recommendations, based on the positive prevention approaches and adapted to Ukrainian context. In 2008 trainings on positive prevention will be held in 5 HIV/AIDS resource centres.

3.3. “Scaling Up Access to Substitution Maintenance Therapy for HIV-infected IDU in Kyiv, Odesa and Mykolayiv” Project

In September 2007 USAID approved the project “Scaling up Access to Substitution Maintenance Therapy for HIV-infected IDU in Kyiv, Odesa and Mykolayiv”. The project implementation period is October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009. The goal of this project is to develop models of integrated strategy for medical care, social and psychological support of IDU living with HIV/AIDS, and to implement these models in care and support of HIV-infected IDU in three regions of Ukraine with consequent implementation all over the country at both regional and national levels. The Alliance-Ukraine, in cooperation with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and local non-governmental organisation has launched a separate pilot programme of substitution maintenance therapy (SMT) for HIV-positive injecting drug users on the basis of three treatment and prevention facilities (TPF) in the cities of Kyiv, Odesa and Mykolayiv.

The following activities are planned within this project:

1. To ensure access to methadone treatment and other types of HIV-related treatment (if necessary) for 150 HIV-infected IDU, including those included in SMT waiting lists; at least 30% of them will be HIV-positive drug dependent women. Each TPF, namely Kyiv City AIDS Centre (Kyiv City Clinical Hospital No. 5), Mykolayiv Central Rayon Hospital and Odesa Oblast Narcological Clinic, will accept 50 patients to provide SMT.
2. To develop, implement, test and evaluate new patterns of SMT provision with efficient links between the state and non-governmental service providers in order to guarantee integrity of care and support to HIV-infected IDU.
3. To document and to disseminate lessons learned and project findings in order to spread successful approaches among programmes, implemented in Ukraine with the support of the Global Fund and other donors.
4. To develop methodological guide for the dissemination and use of successful approaches among SMT service providers in Ukraine and other countries.
5. To accelerate necessary legislation changes and approaches/principles of work that would facilitate the rapid spread of methadone SMT in Ukraine.

On November 15, 2007 the first stakeholder meeting of this project was held with the participation of project implementers and representatives of international and national organisations, including the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, UNAIDS, UNODC, USAID, Kyiv City AIDS Centre, Odesa Oblast Narcological Clinic, Ukrainian Institute of Public Health Policy Research and other. The meeting participants discussed and developed the most appropriate approaches for Ukraine that could be used in these sites to pilot integrated strategy for provision of services to HIV-infected IDU.

3.4. Levi Strauss Foundation Project

In 2007 **Levi Strauss Foundation** supported the Alliance-Ukraine's project proposal on the realization of **HIV/AIDS and HIV rapid testing awareness campaign for university students** in three largest Ukrainian cities – Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Odesa – with the total funding of \$80,000.

The project implementation will be launched in January 2008. It is expected that after the project completion about 100,000 university students will receive information about HIV/AIDS. 15,120 university students will pass HIV testing with rapid tests.

3.5. Partner Programmes

The Alliance-Ukraine carries out many events and measures in close cooperation with international and national stakeholders. This makes it possible to avoid duplication and reinforces activity's effect.

Cooperation with International Harm Reduction Development Programme (IHRD)

In its prevention and information activities, directed at the representatives of the most vulnerable populations, the Alliance-Ukraine tries to take advantage of the best lessons of national and international experience. In August 2007 Lidia Guterman and Luciano Colonna, leading IHRD specialists, have designed a leaflet and a brochure, aimed at prophylaxis of con-

sequences of non-medical use of tramadol, and proposed to publish it in Ukraine. Up till that moment Ukraine did not have any information materials on harmful effects of the use of tramadol as a narcotic drug. Lidia Guterman visited a number of Ukrainian harm reduction projects and tried consider all client needs during the preparation of this material. The Alliance-Ukraine experts and members of editorial board also joined the work on the development of brochure and leaflet. Anatoliy Bolyk, the head of editorial board (Charity Foundation "Gromadske Zdorovya" (Public Health), Poltava) adapted the "Tramadol" leaflet to the format of new series of leaflets on harm reduction. The "Tramadol" leaflet became the 16th publication of these series. The Alliance-Ukraine's experts Myroslava Andrushchenko and Natalia Nagorna finalized the "Tramadol" brochure. Both information products were reviewed by the substance abuse professionals and tested by the drug users during focus groups. The leaflet was published by the Alliance-Ukraine in 2007; the brochure is set to be published in spring 2008.

In August 2007 the picturesque town of Kozyn near Kyiv hosted the Alliance-Ukraine's the second summer advocacy school, which brought together 25 representatives of HIV-service organisations and drug user movement activists from Ukraine, Russia and Georgia for almost two weeks. Thus, the traditional Alliance's summer school this time received an international status thanks to the support of the Open Society Institute (New York) and International Renaissance Foundation.





Large-scale information promo event, held on the eve of the World AIDS day in the city of Kyiv is one of examples of successful coordination and fundraising. On November 29, 2007, one million of the capital city's mail recipients found information leaflets in their mail boxes. These leaflets presented the basic information about HIV/AIDS; HIV transmission routes; advice on risk reduction; the list of Kyiv-based organisations (with contact information) which offer services on

diagnostics and treatment, as well as social, psychological, rehabilitation and prevention services for injecting drug users, HIV-infected individuals and members of their families.

This event was initiated by the Alliance-Ukraine and implemented in partnership of Kyiv City AIDS Centre with the financial support of such organisations as Transatlantic Partners against AIDS / the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; NGO "All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH" and a number of private business people of the city of Kyiv.

Other Forms of Partner Programmes: Involvement of Sponsors

In addition to large programmes, the Alliance-Ukraine involves other partners and sponsors in its special charity projects, promo events, in particular. For example, the second charitable exhibition fair "Young Art Against AIDS", organized within the World AIDS Day, brought such sponsors and partners as the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium, Shell Ukraine Exploration&Production B.V., Avon Cosmetics Ukraine, Fortis International Financial Group, the "Prosvita" (Education) Centre, publishing houses "Smoloskyp" (Torch), "Zelenyi pes" (the Green Dog), "Dim. Sad. Gorod. (House. Garden. Kitchen Garden), Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS, "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV". Funds, collected during the event (UAH 31,825.22), will be used to procure equipment for the mobile clinic, designed specifically for HIV-infected children.

4. Scaling Up Access to Services

4.1. Prevention among Most-at-risk Groups: a Comprehensive Package of Services and Their Effectiveness

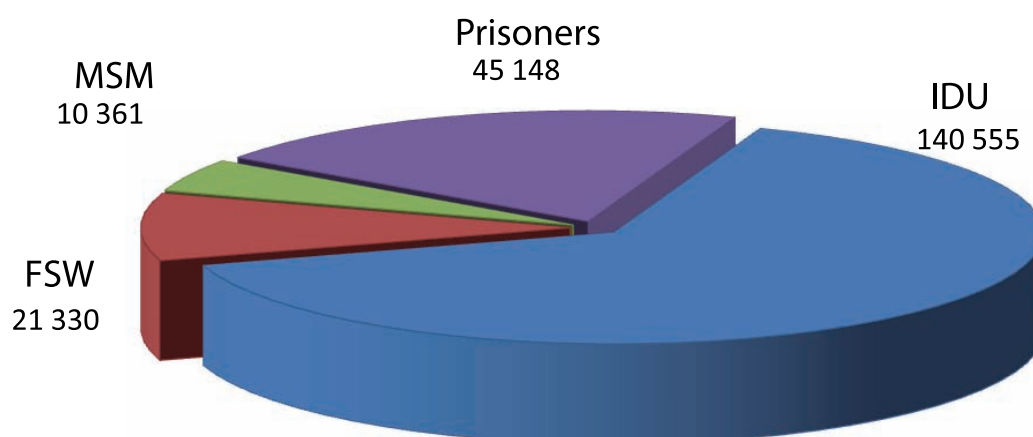
To ensure successful response to HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Alliance-Ukraine in 2007 continued to develop a comprehensive system of medical and social assistance to those who need it. The comprehensiveness and continuum of prevention and social and medical services for target populations (IDU, FSW, MSM) is ensured at the regional level due to the coordinated efforts of partners at both national and regional level, including the following:

- Strengthening of prevention, treatment, care and support activities at the level of each region. Regional coordinators and partners of the Alliance-Ukraine play an important role in the functioning of oblast coordination councils on

HIV/AIDS. The Alliance-Ukraine started the work of coordination groups consisting of NGOs and representatives of vulnerable populations at the level of individual regions;

- Formation of multisectoral teams to perform VCT, ARV-therapy and to work with HIV-infected children;
- Setting up a system of client referrals to receive various services available in the region.

Due to the Alliance-Ukraine support, a significant coverage of target groups with prevention programmes was achieved by the end of December 2007 (see the Diagram below).



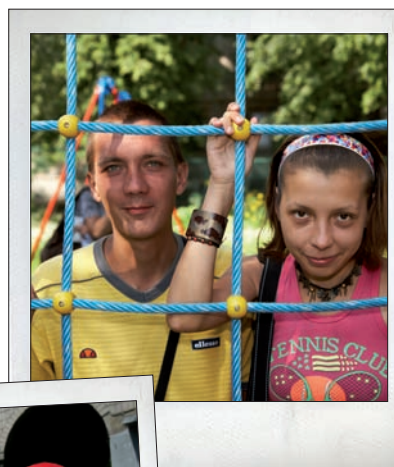
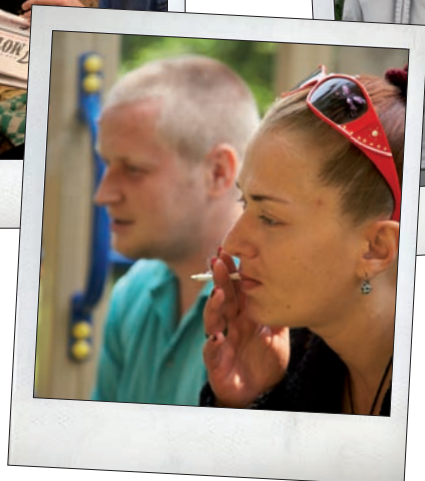
The main assignment of the Alliance-Ukraine in 2007 was to provide technical support and to develop programmes of coordinated service provision in the majority of regions of Ukraine, implemented by both governmental and non-governmental partners to ensure universal access to the maximal number of services of appropriate quality for the representatives of vulnerable communities.

The results of linked studies on behavioural monitoring and HIV prevalence among IDU, conducted in 2007, made it possible to evaluate positive outcomes of the provision of comprehensive prevention services for this target group. The effectiveness of prevention programme components is particularly evident in the testing results among the sub-sample of respondents, who reported having previously negative HIV resting results (289 persons). So, depending on the reception of these or those prevention services by respondents, one can observe significant variations in the percentage of infection which occurred after the last testing.

In particular, the following types of prevention services helped to reduce infection significantly:

- Taking up to NGO services (among those who used a service, 8% consequently had positive HIV testing results; among those who did not use – 14%);
- Receiving prevention IEC materials (among those who used a service, 8% consequently had positive HIV testing results; among those who did not use – 22%);
- Visiting drop-in centres (among those who used a service, none had positive HIV testing results; among those who did not use – 12%);
- Receiving free condoms (8% and 18% correspondingly).

Study results make it possible to prove the efficiency of NGO work in the area of HIV prevention, but also demonstrate the need in comprehensive approaches to such service provision.





4.2. Prevention among Injecting Drug Users

Injecting drug users remain the most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS epidemic group of population. According to consolidated assessment of WHO and UNAIDS, the estimated size of IDU in Ukraine ranges from 325 to 425 thousand persons with the estimated size of HIV-infected IDU amounting to 163,688 individuals. HIV prevalence among IDU, makes up 17.3 - 70.0%, according to research, conducted in 2007 with support of the Alliance-Ukraine.

During 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine supported prevention activities for IDU on the basis of 51 non-governmental organisations in all oblasts of Ukraine, excluding Ternopil oblast.

Due to the projects, supported by the Alliance-Ukraine, at the beginning of 2008 140,555 IDU were reached by the prevention services (or 34.9% of the estimated size of this population). The majority of IDU (over 80%) received prevention services in the most affected regions – Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Kherson and Cherkasy oblasts and the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol.

Comprehensive package of HIV prevention services for IDU, provided by organisations to meet specific needs of IDU and to reach project targets to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, includes the following basic services:

- Syringe exchange, provision of ethanol pads and condoms (through syringe exchange points, outreach routes, drug stores, etc.);
- Specialist counselling (lawyer, psychologist, medical specialists according to the needs of project clients);
- Client referrals to other appropriate projects;
- Provision of information about functioning rehabilitation and substitution therapy (ST) programmes; assistance in receiving rehabilitation course and ST for clients in need of these services;
- Counselling on HIV prevention and safer drug use patterns;
- Dissemination of prevention IEC materials;
- Voluntary HIV counselling and testing using rapid tests (beginning from October 2007 this service is provided by all projects);
- STI diagnostics and treatment (beginning from October 2007 this service is provided by all projects).

In addition to the basic/minimal package of services, availability of which is mandatory for all projects, many non-governmental organisations also offer IDU a number of additional prevention and social services to help clients to maintain their health, to promote re-socialization and to improve their psychological and emotional conditions. Such additional services include:

- Dissemination of general medications;
- Dissemination of wipes for intimate hygiene and other commodities to involve female IDU;
- Organisation of self-help groups or psychological support of project clients;
- Development or re-print of information materials;
- Organisation of clients' leisure time;
- Professional training and employment of project clients;
- Community centre activities for IDU.



Personal story

Bitterness of Fallen Leaves

I will remember that autumn all my life... A feeling of silent happiness filled my whole self. And then... I felt changes in you right away. You started to come later. Money disappeared from my purse. Friends started to ask me about the money you borrowed from them. I was on the verge of breakdown. And then, with a weird smile, you offered me the remedy from all my worries. And heroin appeared in my life for the first time. This is a dull phantom of pseudo life, which tears the reality apart, turns it into the endless kaleidoscope of problems and nightmares.

In about four months I understood that I could not live without heroin anymore. Money, carefully saved to buy the furniture, disappeared quickly. I felt changes in myself, but they did not scare me anymore. The main thing was to wait till you come and bring it.

In about half a year our circle of communication gradually changed. Suspicious characters started to appear in our apartment – I would have never let them in before. But now I did not care. One day I understood that it was not possible to live like that anymore. But in the evening I had another dose and did not care again... Trying to find some money, you joined some dubious company. One morning the phone rang. I rushed to it, feeling some strange lump of fear inside – it was a call from the police...

They sentenced you for 15 years for murder...

I looked down at our son, hugged him and burst out sobbing. Each tear-drop, each sob made that nightmare I was living in, to go out of me. But I understood clearly that I would not make it alone. I knew that there were people that help such individuals like me.

Having gathered my courage, I went there. They met me in the Drop-in centre kind of prosily, paying no particular attention to delicate issues. Being kind and tactful, they let me know that there were people that feel much worse than me. And when frustration started to grow inside me (What? This is ME! It is ME, who came here! Help me!), they explained that something terrible could have happened to me in the future...

After visiting this Centre, my life changed drastically. People, who surrounded me in the past, disappeared somewhere. Now I know what I want. I found a job. I started to take a more sober view of people and situations...

I bring you parcels, I rear our son, I work, I do all housework – I try to be as busy as possible. And then I fall asleep, crying and burying my face in the cold pillow. And I dream of that happy, golden autumn. We are together there, and that light bitter aroma of fallen leaves reminds me of happiness just the same...

“Ne Uletai” (Don’t Fly Away) Newspaper, No. 36 (65), 2007

This publication was prepared by the Odesa Charitable Foundation “Doroga Dodymy” (A Way Home) within the project “Provision of Comprehensive Package of Services to Vulnerable Populations in the City of Odesa and in Odesa Oblast”, funded by the ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”.



4.3. Prevention among Commercial Sex Workers (CSW)

As of December 2007, 21 330 persons received a complex of prevention and social services to commercial sex workers, and female sex workers (FSW) in particular within the framework of prevention projects, supported by the Alliance-Ukraine. Grants to implement projects in this area were given to 45 organisations from almost all regions of Ukraine, excluding Ternopil, Zhytomyr and Kirovohrad oblasts.

A comprehensive package of HIV prevention among FSW, which is offered by organisations, includes the following basic services to meet their specific needs and to reach project targets to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS:

- Syringe exchange and distribution for female injecting drug users;
- Provision of condoms, wipes for intimate hygiene and other consumables;
- Social follow-up of clients (referrals to healthcare facilities or other targeted projects; counselling by the project consultants - psychologist, STI specialist, drug specialist, lawyer; assistance in access to medical services; provision of other necessary assistance according to client's needs);
- Outreach activities among clients and partners of FSW (taxi and long-distance truck drivers, etc.): distribution of condoms, syringes, IEC materials, counselling;
- Counselling on safe behaviour, HIV/AIDS and STI, accessibility of services, motivating to HIV/STI testing;
- Psychological consultations;
- Legal consultations;
- Provision of counselling and medical assistance;
- Dissemination of IEC materials.

At the same time projects offer a range of new services to representatives of their target group, including:

- Provision of lubricants;

- VCT using rapid tests for at least 80% of FSW, reached by projects (beginning from October 2007 this service is provided by all projects);
- Community centre activities for FSW.

Last year projects received an opportunity to respond to the group's needs in a more mobile manner. For example, the Odesa-based NGO "Vira, Nadiya, Liubov" (Faith, Hope, Love) uses a mobile ambulance station to work with FSW, and this makes it possible to scale up the access of FSW to HIV testing; pre- and post-testing counselling; syphilis and other STI testing; medical consultations of medical specialists. Ambulance station workers take smears and submit it to laboratory testing according to the agreement on cooperation, reached with the Oblast STI clinic. A team of a doctor-consultant, a medical nurse and social workers travel along the field routes according to the agreed working schedules. Social workers motivate and encourage women to have VCT in advance. Similar forms of activities is used by the Kharkiv Charitable Foundation "Blago" (Benefit), where "evening" and "night" teams of specialists, including gynaecologist, psychologist, infectious diseases specialist and STI specialist, work in different districts of the city. Since October 2007 the street work with the project clients is carried out with the use of "Gazelle" minivan, provided by the Oblast AIDS Centre free of charge. This made it possible to conduct individual counselling of FSW.

It is also important, that projects try to be open in their work, drawing the attention of the public towards the issue. CF "Blago" held a press-conference on the topic "Urgency of the Prevention Work with FSW". The press-conference resulted in 5 newspaper articles and 7 Internet materials. Volodymyr Kazus, the head of the organisation, took part in the TV programme dedicated to the work with vulnerable populations. Also a journalist from the regional newspaper plans to participate in the "night trip".

A Story of Personal Success

"C'mon, let's travel abroad", that's what my friends once offered me. "You will earn more money there and you will see the world". So, I travelled to see the world, but it was a totally different world – they forced me to work as a prostitute. The life brought changes, and I had to stay around in local brothels for three years. I saw Prague and its famous amenities only through the car's windows. What I saw the most were... bodies, both men's and women's. Then I went to Russia, to Moscow, of course. This time – to see the East. Together with my friend we provided sex services to rich Siberians; then we mastered a new type of business – "a mickey finn". Before the "affair" we had some alcohol to be brave or some heroin to feel extreme. While the client was heating up, we slipped a mickey in his drink, and he fell dead sleeping in several minutes.

But one day something terrible happened to my friend – she just disappeared. I was really scared and this kind of awakened me up. I took the first train home, to Ukraine. But here I faced something even more terrible – drugs, thefts – normal drug user's life. Several times I tried to quit, but I failed. One day my drug using friends brought me to the syringe exchange point at the Charitable Foundation "Solidarnist" (Solidarity). They received their syringes and injecting equipment and left, but I tried to talk to the Foundation's staff. It was really interesting – why these people helped us. I learned that IDU can receive many services for free, as well as a lot of other good things.

In several days I received the Foundation's volunteer card. And in one month they helped me to quit drugs. Now I found a totally different occupation – I could never even think about it before. Today I am the Foundation's consultant. I work with women, who sell their bodies and provide "services" in railway stations and on highways – exactly like I did it in the past. Of course I felt very strange – it was really difficult to admit that not long ago I used to be one of them. However, my experience now helps me – girls understand me better. Many of them could learn from my bitter mistakes. Here, in Ivano-Frankivsk, I have all opportunities to start the life over.

Oksana, the client of CF "Solidarnist", Ivano-Frankivsk

Now I Will Bring Back My Dignity...

Many different things happened in my life ...

But how important is the confidence of other people in me! I am talking about staff members of CF "Unitus". I am talking about those who offered me a helping hand and supported me in difficult periods of life.

Many happy moments currently fill my life. Today I have a great job! I work in "Podorozhnyk" (Plantain) magazine; prepare articles for the publication; actively communicate with girls and specialists who help us to prepare articles.

The magazine is very important not just for me. It gives opportunity for life choices not just in terms of health protection. It shows how to return to normal life; it helps you to feel that you are not alone with your problems.

My participation in the magazine development gives me a lot. It makes me proud of myself and of my work. You look at it and you think: is it possible that these are your poems? How can it be that this wonderful magazine is a part of your work? It is so awesome! You are always glad to hear candid girls' tales. And it is encouraging – you want to work better and better.

Recently I received an invitation to Moscow to participate in some TV programme. Can you imagine? The message of the whole programme was "Your dignity. Dignity of a woman and a mother".

It touched my heart so hard that I could barely hold back tears. And I had this shy thought: "My lost dignity... It was worth searching for such a long time..."

To overcome dependence, to fight depressions, to start respecting yourself... I am still on the "edge of the chair", but I am already sitting! And under the chair... it is dark and gloomy... and there is no... dignity...

The magazine "Podorozhnyk" for female sex workers is published within the project "Provision of Comprehensive Prevention Services to Representatives of Vulnerable Groups in Mykolayiv Oblast", implemented by the Non-governmental Charitable Foundation "Unitus" with the support of the Alliance-Ukraine.

4.4. Prevention among Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM)

According to consolidated assessment of WHO and UNAIDS, the estimated size of MSM in Ukraine ranges from 177 to 430 thousand persons; the number of HIV-infected MSM amounts to 27,315 individuals. HIV prevalence among MSM makes up 4.4 – 23.2%, according to research, conducted in 2007 with support of the Alliance-Ukraine.

During 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine supported the prevention interventions among MSM, carried out by 15 non-governmental organisations working in 9 oblasts of Ukraine (Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Kharkiv, Kherson, Cherkasy), in the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol and in Crimea. In different locations the MSM communities are characterized by peculiar features, which predetermined the nature of activities implemented. For example, in Kyiv there are open paces frequented by MSM, so-called “pleshki”, gay clubs, which were reached by the prevention projects. In Western Ukraine and in small towns this group is quite hidden, and this required work with individual households. Considering the popularity of Crimean peninsular among MSM in summer, certain projects intensified their prevention activities, taking into account seasonal conditions.

In the beginning of 2008, 10,361 MSM were reached by prevention services, offered by the projects, supported by the Alliance-Ukraine (it makes up 5.4% of the total estimated size of MSM population). The largest portion of MSM (over 70 %) was reached by the Kyiv-based organisation “Gay Alliance”. Services, offered by the prevention projects to MSM, included: outreach peer counselling; social marketing of condoms and lubricants during the outreach work in places frequented by MSM; counselling of STI specialist and psychologist; thematic IEC materials; rapid HIV diagnostics; as well as educational sessions, self-help groups, parties and promo events in gay clubs.

In 2008 it is envisaged to reach the most vulnerable representatives of this group with prevention services: in particular, this concerns young people; migrants; those who travel much; those who have female sex partners; clients of male sex workers.

Considering the hidden nature of MSM group in Ukraine, information work with this group via internet, mass media and by means of telephone counselling gains a particular importance. In 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine supported publishing of prevention information blocks (recommendations of STI specialists; information about means of prevention; ARV-therapy; psychologist’s advice and so on) in the magazine “Odyn z nas” (One of Us), issued by the NGO “Gay Alliance”. The magazine is published once in two months with the print-run of 1,600 copies. Free copies of this magazine are disseminated through Ukrainian HIV-service organisations, which work with MSM community. The National HIV/AIDS hotline employs two consultants to work with MSM.

Reduction of stigma and discrimination of MSM and mobilization of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT) community is an efficient mechanism to develop HIV prevention services. Leaders of LGBT organisations and initiative groups, who participated in the forum “Strategic Planning of HIV/AIDS Prevention Among MSM and Advocacy Work of LGBT Organisations”, have established a working group to ensure effective project implementation and coordination of efforts and resources; they also discussed cooperation procedures and mechanisms within the LGBT network to carry out advocacy and rights protection of MSM.

The Story of “Gay Alliance”, Cherkasy

Having started to work within the “Gay Alliance” project in Cherkasy, we finally received an opportunity to unite the city’s gay community and to bring it out to light, from underground. The project, supported by the Alliance, was the good incentive to encourage people to get rid of their fears; to understand their right to the normal place in this world; to draw attention towards health risks associated with certain behaviour styles. Even we, being rather well-informed about the HIV/AIDS issues, learned a lot that we did not know. Once again, we saw that the dry information about dangerous infections is quite difficult to perceive; it rarely leads to behavioural changes. To bring knowledge is only a part of the business. The most important component of our work is to provide psychological support. We try to bring hope and optimism, to settle different problems. In most cases we work indirectly. In addition to HIV/AIDS issues, we always try to dwell on other important issues within the group discussions.

People come to us gladly; they actively participate in discussions. Having started as an initiative group and continued working as a branch of Kyiv NGO, our organisation “Gay Alliance-Cherkasy” always strived to become an independent entity. During 2007 we worked hard to register our group officially. And finally, on January 22, 2008, we received a Registration Certificate – it will enable us to expand our work in new areas. A new closed gay club was opened, and we had a chance to establish contacts with those who did not communicate with us before for this or that reason. People saw that it was possible to improve anything, so they trust us more. Numerous problems still persist, but we see the ways how to settle them; we hope for the Alliance’s support and believe in our success.

Personal Story

I never thought that I would have HIV, but this happened. I am 33 now, and I live with HIV for 10 years. I presume I was infected because of my past irregular sexual life. I liked it; I was not thinking about anything. Moreover, back at that time we lacked information about it. So, I have these consequences. When I learned about my positive status, I was shocked, distressed and so on. But thanks to my will and vigour, friends and relatives’ support I was able to overcome this condition. I was afraid of their possible reaction, but still I disclosed my status. Yuriy Marchuk helped me to learn about Kryvyi Rih City Branch of All-Ukrainian NGO “All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH”. At that time I knew he was HIV-positive. I became a permanent client of this organisation and participant of one of care and support projects. I received practically all possible assistance, but because I was MSM, I could not open myself up and share my emotions and feelings, even though I was really concerned about that. But when I learned about projects focusing on MSM, everything changed. I am extremely grateful for assistance, for condoms, for follow-up and patronage. In addition I would like to thank Yuriy Marchuk – if not for him, I would probably die long ago. We love you, remember you and appreciate what you have done!!!

Ihor, Kryvyi Rih



4.5. Harm Reduction at Penitentiary Institutions

In 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine supported 14 projects to prevent HIV among prisoners; owing to their activities, the general coverage of this target group with prevention programmes reached 45,148 individuals, as of the end of December 2007. Harm reduction projects work in penitentiary institutions of Lviv, Ivano-Frankovsk, Vinnytsia, Khmelnytsky, Poltava, Donetsk, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Cherkasy, Kyiv and Kherson oblasts and in Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

Among services, provided by projects, the following basic ones should be mentioned:

- Distribution of condoms, tooth-brushes, shaving equipment, other consumables and information materials through peer volunteers and/or via medical departments of these institutions;
- Organisation of mass information events: lectures and concerts on prevention topics; events dedicated to AIDS Memorial Day, World AIDS Day, etc.;
- Training of peer counsellors-volunteers;
- Provision of condoms in visit rooms;
- Counselling on safe behaviour, HIV/AIDS and STI; motivating to HIV/STI testing;
- Psychological counselling;
- Medical consultations of infectious diseases specialist;
- Trainings for the penitentiary institutions' staff members on the following topics: "What is AIDS?", "HIV Transmission Routes", "Workplace Prevention of HIV";
- Trainings on safe behaviour and prevention of HIV, STI, hepatitis and tuberculosis among prisoners;
- Organisation and functioning of self-help groups;
- Provision of bleach to sterilize tattooing equipment;

Last year the projects also introduced a number of innovative services, including, for example, social follow-up of persons released from penitentiary facilities, which includes employment assistance, referrals to appropriate services to restore documents, provision of medical assistance, etc. In addition, radio lec-

tures on prevention issues were broadcasted in penitentiary institutions.

Project participants shared their experience in this area on November 22-24, 2007, when they attended the 3rd All-Ukrainian Conference "Partnership of Non-governmental Organisations and the State Criminal and Penitentiary Service of Ukraine in Response to HIV/AIDS and TB Epidemic at Penitentiary Facilities and Among Persons, Released from Penitentiary Facilities". This conference was organized by All-Ukrainian Charitable Organisation "Coalition of HIV-Service Organisations" and All-Ukrainian Charitable Organisation "Podolannya" (Overcoming), with the support of the Alliance-Ukraine.

Key role in the implementation of prevention programmes among this target group is given to cooperation with other agencies and institutions, which work in this area. For example, active cooperation was established with **the State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine**, which mostly included the following activities:

- Coordination and approval of plans of events, implemented within the penitentiary system in all areas, including prevention, treatment, care and support;
- Expert participation in the competition commissions to select sub-recipients, including approval of calls for proposals form, evaluation of project proposals and preparation of recommendations;
- Evaluation and approval of information and methodological materials produced by NGOs regarding the work with prisoners and penitentiary system personnel;
- Consulting support of NGOs which work in the penitentiary system.

The Alliance-Ukraine supported training course for specialists working in healthcare facilities of the Department. These trainings on ART with subsequent certification at the national level were completed by 13 doctors and 12 medical nurses.

Additionally we have to highlight the Alliance-Ukraine's cooperation with the State Penitentiary

Department of Ukraine in the field of monitoring and evaluation. In 2007 this work included the following:

- Provision of technical assistance to the State Penitentiary Department to conduct the study “Awareness and Behaviour Monitoring of Prisoners as a Component of Second Generation Surveillance” (implementing organisation – NGO “Analytical Centre ‘Socioconsulting’”);
- Survey among prison inmates to study the level of HIV/AIDS-related awareness (project initiatives);
- Cohort epidemiological study in prisons (implementing organisation: AIDS Centre).

One of the most important achievements in this area is the **improvement of legislative basis to introduce ART within the Department’s facilities**. It became

possible after the joint Order of the State Penitentiary Department and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine “On the Approval of Comprehensive Plan to Introduce Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV-infected and AIDS Patients in Penitentiary Institutions and Pre-trial Detention Facilities for 2007” was issued on May 29, 2007.

In 2007 the first ever project on VCT with rapid tests in penitentiary system facilities was implemented by the Vinnytsia NGO “Positive” with the participation of specialists of the oblast AIDS centre. As a result of this project, 654 prisoners were tested on HIV with rapid tests; 22 HIV-positive convicts were registered for dispensary follow up; one patient started ART. In addition, this project contributed to greater HIV-related awareness among prisoners and increased their motivation to HIV testing.

A Story of Personal Success

“Harm Reduction” or Luck?

Charitable Organisation “Club ‘Your Choice’” was founded by the members of an initiative group, made up of people, released from penitentiary institutions, people living with HIV/AIDS, and activists of self-help movement of drug users. The idea of the initiative group belongs to a person, who was released from the prison. The whole story of the organisation is closely linked to this person.

Who is this person? A three-time convict, who served his sentence in the correctional facility No. 27 in the city of Gorlivka in Donetsk oblast...

This story began in 2004, when representatives of the Donetsk Charitable Organisation “Club Svitanok” (Sunrise) and Gorlivka NGO “Liniya Zhyttya” (The Line of Life) arrived to the institution. These organisations implemented the project “Reduction of Risk of HIV Infection Among Inmates of the Correctional Facility No. 27”, funded by the ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”. At first it was simply interesting to communicate with people from the “outer world”, and then there were thoughts about changing one’s life. It is difficult to say now, how guests could motivate one of prisoners to become a member and then – a leader of “Chance” volunteer group, made up of prisoners. At first, there were information classes and self-help groups, long conversations with the professional psychologists. Then it was time of different events and measures for prisoners and administration of the institution, active volunteer work. Two years have passed and he was released on parole. The colony was in the past, and the future was totally vague.

After the release his illusions, created for years, just fell into pieces. He expected that it would be tough, but he never realized that the reality could be so cruel... The main difficulty was to reject the temptation to organize a “party” (alcohol or drugs or romantic adventures...) with all inevitable consequences. But he fought his temptation and started to look for like-minded people... Volunteer work, NGO work, registration of his own NGO (“Your Choice”), work with prisoners, participation in the creation of the All-Ukrainian Organisation of Former Prisoners... A wedding, a hearthside, a son!

Do prevention programmes of ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” really work?...

Yes, they do, but only for those who wants to be helped!

4.6. Progress in Implementing Substitution Maintenance Therapy

Quotation from the open appeal of substitution maintenance therapy clients to Viktor Yushchenko, the President of Ukraine, December 5, 2007:

«...We finally have an opportunity to leave this criminal environment, where we were forced to stay, and to become active members of society.

During the participation in SMT programmes, the majority of us stopped using illicit drugs; we had a chance to find jobs, to receive treatment, to give birth to children in the same conditions as all other citizens of Ukraine.

However, the results could be even better, if treatment programmes worked in accordance with the best international practices and took into account vital client needs...»

During 2007 buprenorphine substitution maintenance therapy was provided to 547 patients in 10 regions of Ukraine. About two thirds of SMT clients are HIV-infected, with about 30% of them receiving ART. Zaporizhya oblast AIDS centre has launched a new SMT site with 10 patients initiating buprenorphine treatment.

A considerable preparatory work was carried out which would result in a significant increase of SMT client numbers in the nearest future. For example, 48 treatment and prevention facilities received the Alliance-Ukraine grants to repair and equip premises for SMT provision; 44 multidisciplinary teams (MDT) were trained to work in 22 regions of Ukraine, while the existing 12 MDTs improve their qualification levels on the regular basis.

In 2007 methadone substitution maintenance therapy programmes faced significant challenges in 2007. Despite the fact that the use of buprenorphine SMT in Ukraine led to positive outcomes and the existence of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine's regulation on the need to introduce methadone SMT, this process was constantly hampered by various delays and even conscious resistance of controlling and licensing bodies.

Only due to intensive efforts of the Alliance-Ukraine team, targeted advocacy measures with the involvement of broad public, and consequent attention of central government authorities to these issues, we finally had a real break-through in this business. In July the Ministry of Health has approved the order of distribution of methadone to be imported among treatment and prevention facilities. And only on December 18, 2007 an official import permit – a Certificate to import the first lot of methadone to Ukraine – was issued.

All this paved the way for further expansion of methadone SMT programmes in 10 regions of Ukraine (beginning from the first quarter of 2008). In the longer perspective this will contribute to the broad-scale introduction of this drug in the treatment of opioid dependence among injection drug users all over the country.



Stories from SMT Clients

Voytarenko Oleh, 28 years, client of substitution maintenance programme, director of non-governmental organisation “Club Probudzhennia” (Awakening) established by the participants of substitution therapy programme.

The appearance of substitution therapy has completely and radically changed my life. Everything has changed – to put it briefly, just compare a bog and Hawaii... If the government officials decide to close the substitution therapy programme, we will fight! I may feel wonderful, but I will fight so that others had access to this programme. We will do everything we can to protect the substitution therapy.

As many drug addicted people in our city also wanted to receive SMT, but did not have such an opportunity, we and our friends from the programme decided to establish a non-governmental organisation of drug users to assert our interests, especially the right to SMT. They helped us to register our organisation “Probudzhennia” (Awakening), which has been successfully implementing social projects in Kherson. Today, three years afterwards, I am a completely different person: I work, study at the institute, my relatives have forgotten that drug-related nightmare, in which they lived for many years. So, no matter what other people can say, but substitution therapy for such people as me is a real chance not only to preserve, but to cardinally change our lives for the better”.

Irina Sukhoparova, mother of a client of SMT programme, 48 years (her daughter is 28), member of a Supervisory Board at the Socioterapy clinic, a founder of Nadiya (Hope) organisation that unites parents of SMT programmes, who are involve in SMT advocacy and protection of rights of drug addicts.

My daughter and her husband have been clients of this programme for almost two years. Before this they had been using street drugs, especially “shirka” and heroin, for many years. They were repeatedly treated at drug clinics and rehabilitation centres, including the Christian ones, but everything was in vain. Only when they were enrolled in the SMT programme they could return to a usual, full life. Maybe, other people perceive the current appearance of my daughter as normal, but for me it is happiness to see her every day beautiful, healthy, good-looking and normal. She is living with her family, takes care of herself, wakes up in the morning, does not run anywhere... The opponents to substitution therapy once told me that these people will turn into zombies, but I told them that she had been a zombie before when she used big drug doses and when she did not know where to run after waking up to relieve here suffering.

We, together with other parents of Kiev SMT programme, questioned 70 patients with the drug use record of 10-17 years. They experienced the whole range of negative consequences of this severe disease, had problems with law, were convicted many times, had a number of chronic diseases and very complicated relations with their relatives and close ones.

Today they improved their relations with relatives, many of them found jobs, stopped criminal activities, because they no longer need to look for money to buy the next dose. Some of these patients are mothers with one or two children. Previously these children were abandoned to care by grandmothers or grandfathers. Today these parents, thanks to SMT programme, are caring themselves for their children, are bringing them to kindergarten or school.

4.7. Scaling Up ARV Therapy

By January 1, 2008, 7,048 HIV positive pregnant women and 7,342 children born to them have received medicines to prevent mother to child transmission of HIV. 11,451 people have received treatment of opportunistic infections, including Herpes simplex and zoster, CMV infection, systemic candidomycosis, cryptococcal meningitis, toxoplasmosis, bacterial infections (sepsis and pneumonia) and atypical mycobacteriosis.

In 2007 the number of people receiving ARV therapy increased. Treatment was initiated for 1,538 new patients, including 1,323 adults and 215 children. Total number of people, who were receiving ART supported by the GF by the end of 2007, was 5,268 people, including 4,501 adults and 767 children. Beginning from February 2007, two new regions were added to ARV provision, namely, Zhytomyr and Cherkasy oblast. So, ARV treatment within the programme “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine” was provided in 22 regions of Ukraine.

Training Sessions for HIV/AIDS Specialists

The Alliance-Ukraine has put significant efforts to create such conditions in the Ukrainian health care system, which would enable governmental institu-

tions to play a leading role in the implementation of ARV therapy in the future. In cooperation with the Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia the Alliance implemented training sessions on HIV/AIDS treatment for multidisciplinary teams that included health care and social workers. The training topics included provision of ARV treatment to adults, to prisoners; treatment of HIV infected people with TB co-infection and drug addiction. Besides, 14 national trainers were trained, who subsequently performed training sessions on treatment of people, living with HIV/AIDS, for the health care workers from district health care facilities in each of 27 regions of the country.

During 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine supported the introduction of the on-site clinical mentoring programme. Within this programme, the physicians from regional AIDS Prevention Centres could come to the clinic at the L.V. Gromashevsky Institute of Epidemiological and Infectious Diseases (IEID) and obtain an on-site training; also, the specialists from the IEID clinic visited regions and provided mentoring services to the local physicians. The programme was administered by the charity organisation “Chas Zhyttia Plus” (Time to Live Plus).



5. Community Mobilization and Technical Support

5.1. Mobilization and Capacity Building of Communities, Vulnerable to HIV

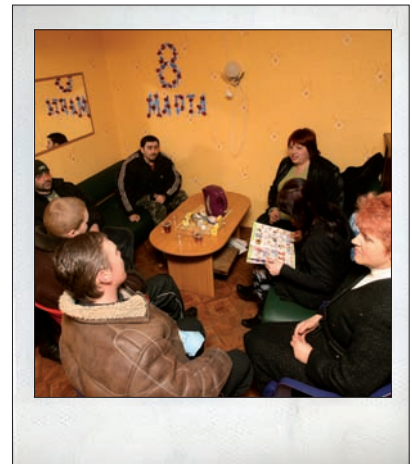
As Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, remarked, the single tangible response to HIV/AIDS is the one that has an influence on the community level. Communities of people vulnerable to HIV, who have the sense of common goals and common vision of the protection of their interests, such as injecting drug users (IDU), female sex workers (FSW), lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered people (LGBT) are ever more actively uniting to address HIV/STI challenges.

Since the discussion of the IDU Manifest in spring 2007, the slogan “Nothing about Us Without Us!” has become a general principle of activities of organisations and initiative groups of vulnerable communities. In addition to financial and methodological support to local initiative groups within the prevention projects, the Alliance-Ukraine supports the creation of coalitions and networks of vulnerable communities on the national level. In summer, within the mobilization of IDU, it supported several events of the international federation “Club House” and “Spilnota” association. In 2007, in order to actively involve HIV vulnerable communities, the non-governmental organisation “Club Kviten” (Club April) was implementing a project “Help for Self-help” with the goal to build up organi-

sational and advocacy capacity of the representatives of injecting drug users on the national level.

Since October 2007 Alliance-Ukraine has been supporting the new projects, aimed at mobilization and capacity building of HIV vulnerable communities, in particular, the project “Joining the Efforts of Communities Vulnerable to HIV for a More Efficient Introduction of Harm Reduction Programmes in Ukraine”, which is being implemented by CO All-Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association. The project objectives include creation and registration of the network of people involved in sex business, identification of leaders from among initiative CSW in the regions, mobilization of CSW communities in the regions and involvement of CSW leaders in the decision-making process.

Mobilization of MSM community is being performed in close cooperation with key experts and leaders of LGBT organisations. In December 2007 an Expert Working Group was established to coordinate and improve efficiency of the national programmes to prevent HIV among men having sex with men, to mobilize new initiative groups and to advocate the interests of this community.



Success Stories

Sports Competition "Football against Drugs"

A group of Ukrainian NGO working in the area of drug use and HIV prevention, and a range of international partner organisations joined their efforts in order to attract public attention to the problems of injecting drug use and rapid spread of HIV infection, as well as to mobilize the groups of injecting drug users. International Charity Fund "Federation 'Club House'", with the support from the Alliance-Ukraine and All-Ukrainian Network of People, Living with HIV have celebrated the International Day Against Drugs by organizing a national event "Understanding. Support. Assistance".

Fifteen regional teams composed primarily from the NGO employees and clients of ST projects took part in the event "Football against Drugs".

Most players in the teams are currently taking a drug addiction treatment course, or are HIV positive. According to Roman Bondarenko from Poltava, the captain of "Soccer" FC, "for people, who quit drug use, or for people, living with HIV, this tournament provides an opportunity to demonstrate that we are able to have fun and to work, to go in for sports and to relax, to love and be loved, i.e., that we are like EVERYBODY else".

The organizers hope that this event will become just another step to the development of a more tolerant attitude towards injecting drug users and to further decriminalization of heavy drugs, which, in its turn, will help to expand harm reduction programmes and reduce the number of HIV infections through injecting drug use.

5.2. Mobilization and Capacity Building of Communities, Vulnerable to HIV as a Way to Develop HIV/STI Prevention, PLWH Care and Support Services (a Study)

The objective of evaluation of situation with mobilization and capacity building of vulnerable communities (IDU, FSW, MSM, PLHA) implemented within the SUNRISE project in 2007 was to systematize the experience of development of community organisations and to identify the steps needed to support the expansion of coverage with HIV prevention, care and support services, and to advocate the interests of communities. The study was implemented in 34 community organisations and initiative groups in 8 regions of Ukraine. Key aspects that were being researched within the semi-structured interviews with the leaders and experts included the following:

- stages of community organisations' development;
- methods and technologies of community capacity building, favourable determinants and indices of success in mobilization and capacity building.

Most of organisations and initiative groups identified the following historic **stages of mobilization and capacity building** of the groups formed by the community representatives:

- Initiative group: establishment of the group nucleus, identification of leaders, organisation of regular meeting on the safe territory with the goal to determine the joint interests and tasks.
- Organisation's structural development: formulation of a joint vision and strategy for the development of territorial community; identification of functions/roles within the initiative group and registration of the organisation.
- Productive activities to implement the strategic goals of the group, in particular, development of HIV/STI prevention, care and support, as well as advocacy services, and protection of the interests of the community representatives.
- Development of partnerships, coalitions, networks in order to ease the advocacy and rights protection

activities on the national level, to build the capacity of organisations and to improve the efficiency of work to meet the community needs.

Organisation of self-help groups, support to the initiative groups for the organisation of regular meetings, in particular, through the provision of safe/friendly premises proved to be efficient. The study demonstrated that mobilization and capacity building of marginalized groups were the most efficient when a social worker, or an experienced leader from the community had paid special attention to this issue. The most efficient approaches to the existing challenges that were summarized by the participants of a working group meeting of the community leaders in February 2007 and then confirmed in the study can be called a "clustered" model of community mobilization and capacity building. This model implies the development of horizontal links between the member groups of the network of community representatives on the district level, and development of "clustered" technical assistance centres. The needed support from a 'clustered' centre could include development of a personal motivation among the group leaders, assistance in the participatory situation assessment, identification of technical assistance needs, organisation and conducting of the needed trainings and discussions, financial management in the process of group development till their registration and mastering of their own fund management skills.

The evaluation results showed the need in systemic approach to the mobilization of HIV vulnerable communities for the further efficient involvement of their representatives in the provision of prevention, medical and social services. The analysis results have been summarized and will be laid in the foundation for the support of respective community mobilization projects and for the development of methodological guidelines.



5.3. Technical Assistance for the Institutional Development of NGO

One of the objectives of the Alliance-Ukraine activities is strengthening of institutional capacity of regional NGO involved in HIV/AIDS response and development of their financial and administrative capacities through the organisation of trainings and working meetings. So, in 2007, three training workshops were conducted on the topic “Financial management and grant administration” for the accountants of Alliance-Ukraine partner organisations to discuss the issues of accounting at NGO, financial reporting, labour legislation and human resource management, principles of budget development for NGO, legal aspects of NGO activities, specific features of contractual relationships, typical drawbacks of NGO financial reporting, specific features of Ukrainian legislation, etc.

While evaluating the training needs of Ukrainian NGO, representatives of many organisations pointed at the need to conduct training workshops on project management. A training module “Project management” was developed in response to these requests. Two training workshops on this issue that were conducted in 2007 covered certain topics that were very important for project leaders, such as resolution of conflicts among employees, development of step-by-step plan for project implementation, responsibilities

and management control, efficiency analysis at each project stage, possibility to view the project as a multistage, result oriented process.

A serious attention was also paid to the improvement of professional skills of the employees of targeted NGO, and that is why a range of training workshops was devoted to practical aspects of organisation activities in the specific areas of HIV/AIDS response, as well as to the discussion of the innovative forms of activities. One of such training workshops discussed the topic of “*Pre- and post-testing counselling on HIV/AIDS*” with the aim to develop skills for the performance of pre- and post-testing counselling, related to HIV testing, for the employees of HIV servicing organisations and health care facilities.

Also, a working meeting of the employees involved in the Community Centre development was held in 2007. It was important that the participants not just discussed the urgent and practical issues of the community centres’ activities, but also had an opportunity to visit the Community Centre based on the organisation “Nasha Dopomoga” (Our Help) in Sloviansk, and to talk to its clients and service providers.

Training Modules to Prevent the Professional Burnout Syndrome

There is an evidence that professional ‘burnout’ of the employees of HIV servicing organisations still remains an acute challenge faced by all NGO. In order to develop a psychological competence of the community organisations’ employees in the area of prevention and overcoming the professional ‘burnout’ syndrome, the Alliance-Ukraine has developed a special publication – *Training Modules to Prevent the Professional Burnout Syndrome*. This manual is a collection of methodological guidelines based on the results of a series of training seminars for the employees of HIV servicing non-governmental organisations that help to develop psychological skills in the stress, conflict and time management, and also help to develop confident behaviour skills. The methodological guidelines are comprised of several sections, such as: *Complementary Informational and Methodological Materials for Trainers; Methodological Basis for Training Implementation: Preparation, Conducting and Evaluation of Prevention Training Efficiency; Training Modules Aimed at Prevention of Professional Burnout Syndrome*. Psychological tests and blank exercise forms are attached in the end of each training module.



As the Alliance-Ukraine puts a great focus on the sustainable development of organisations and on their possible future development after the completion of grant funding, starting from June 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine is actively collaborating with the Institute for Professional Fundraising and Philanthropic Center to train the specialists from HIV servicing NGO on local level fundraising technologies. During this time the experts of the Philanthropic Center conducted a training workshop on fundraising for the leaders of 'Resource Centers' and of educational projects. Also, in October 2007, 18 employees of HIV servicing NGO, who were selected on a contest basis, took part in the five-day VII International Practical Workshop "Expanding the Horizons: a Large-Scale Fundraising" organized by the Philanthropic Center (Ukraine) in partnership with *International Fundraising Consultancy* (London, Great Britain) and the Institute for Professional Fundraising (Ukraine).

The workshop focused on the capacity building for strategic and large-scale fundraising to resolve the issue of a long-term resource provision or project implementation. Participants to the workshop included 80 representatives from 8 countries of Europe and the USA; sessions on various aspects of fundraising and master-classes were conducted. The leading experts in fundraising of international level made their presentations to the participants. The participants of the workshop supported by the Alliance-Ukraine have marked the high professional level of its organisation. On the basis of the participation assessment, one of the workshop participants, a female employee of a HIV servicing organisation from Odesa, obtained an opportunity to get a free one-year study course at the Institute for Fundraising and to receive a certificate of the European Fundraising Association upon the completion of this course.

Feedback from a participant

All techniques, methods and mechanisms, which we 'conquered' at this workshop, are not only interesting, but also valuable for our organisation. The examples of application of different fundraising methods shared by the fundraisers from different countries enabled us to evaluate successful and wrong actions in my approaches to fundraising, and it will of course be reflected in my fundraising strategy for the next year and will help to forecast possible risks in advance.

There is an opinion that financial stability of any organisation is based on four pillars: 1) grant funding; 2) funds raised from business; 3) private individual donors; 4) community donations. Knowledge and information received at this workshop will of course be laid in the foundation of all these four pillars of our Fund within the strategy to ensure financial stability for the next 3 years.

Besides, within the recently created fundraising department, it is planned to introduce the standards and documents, in accordance to which the Fund is working with its sponsors (Ethical Code of Fundraiser, Standards and Principles).

In general, the workshop planted a lot of seeds that will grow in practice and will result in a large-scale fundraising both in relationships with private donors and businesses and granting organisations. Further development of knowledge and skills, and information about success stories will help us to develop the most efficient (from the point of view of expenses and income) fundraising strategy.

Tetiana Yusipenko, head of fundraising department, OCF "The Way Home".

Editorial Board of the Alliance-Ukraine

In 2007 the editorial board of Alliance-Ukraine was actively providing technical assistance to NGO by way of publication of more than 9 periodicals and over 70 once-only publications (brochures, booklets, etc.); besides it developed its own product – 16 leaflets of the Harm Reduction series that cover different aspects of risk related to drug use and methods of their prevention. This product was created by the leading experts from NGO, physicians and clients of respective projects.

The editorial board continues providing assistance and developing content for the website with the database of HIV/AIDS related information: <http://www.aidsfiles.net.ua>. In 2007 this database was replenished by a significant amount of methodological information on the creation of IEC materials, from the copywriting, to design intricacies.

The work of editorial board proved to be efficient; it is constantly improving the methodology and developing resources that contribute to an efficient provision of technical assistance for the creation of information resources by HIV servicing organisations.

IEC Trainings

In 2007 the editorial board of Alliance-Ukraine, based on the NGO needs assessment, changed its traditional system of training and decided to develop new training workshops on the topics “Design and layout of HIV/AIDS related information materials” (2007); “Development of web-resources of HIV servicing non-governmental and governmental organisations” (2007), and to renovate the training programme on the creation of IEC materials “Development

of informational and educational materials for vulnerable groups” that was designed in 2005. These training workshops were provided to 20 specialists from NGO, who were involved in the development of their websites, responsible for their content and technical support; 19 specialists from NGO responsible for design and layout of IEC materials and 19 experts, who coordinated the development of publications (booklets, brochures) in the projects.

Contest for the development of information materials

The contest for the creation of information materials for vulnerable groups was launched on the national level in 2007. The contest participants included 43 organisations. The expert commission faced a difficult choice, because the contest was won by the following organisations: Cherkasy Charity Organisation of PLH “From Heart to Heart” that published a brochure “Opportunistic Infections” for PLH; NGO “Gay Alliance” (Kyiv) that published a brochure “Sex Risk” that provided recommendations on how to prevent HIV and STI infection based on the life experience of MSM/LGBT target group; Civil Society Organisation “Alternativa” (Odesa) that published a brochure with recommendations for sero-discordant couples; Civil Society Organisation “Line of Life”

(Gorlivka) and Mykolayiv Charity Fund “Vykhid” (Way Out) that published brochures on HIV VCT; Charity Fund “Drop-in Centre” (Kyiv), whose brochure “Women’s Issue (information about health of women, who use drugs)” covered a previously poorly known information about problems faced by female IDU; Yuzhny City Charity Fund “Time of Youth”, which published a bright booklet for young people “There Are No Light Drugs” on harm reduction in case of use of recreational drugs; Charity Organisation “New Day” that published 3 brochures in the series “I Want to Know All” for prisoners and covered the information on TB, harm reduction, HIV/AIDS and provided useful recommendations for those, who are about to be discharged from prisons.

Resource Centres (Knowledge Hubs)

In 2007, 9 projects of the regional information and resource centres on HIV/AIDS that were working in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Mykolayiv, Odesa oblasts and in AR Crimea conducted 225 various training sessions and seminars at which they trained 3,738 people (employees of regional NGO, pupils and students, school teachers, military men, journalists, etc.). 46 different events on HIV prevention were conducted in 7 regions of

Ukraine. These events that were efficiently organized in cooperation with the national and regional media, helped to cover over 5 million people with information about HIV/AIDS and respective services. The resource centres were actively providing technical assistance to the regional NGO and governmental organisations, disseminated information materials and developed their own web-resources.

New Forms of Resource Centres' Activities

From November 26, till December 1, 2007 the CSO Socium-XXI – a regional information and resource centre on HIV/AIDS issues, Kyiv AIDS Prevention Centre with the participation of International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and the group of companies “Uspishna Marka” (Successful Brand) were conducting and informational event on HIV prevention for the students of 8 Kyiv universities: Kyiv University of Market Relations; National Medical University; Kyiv Medical Institute of Ukrainian Association of Traditional Medicine; National University of the State Tax Service of Ukraine; National Aviation University; State Academy of Housing and Communal Services; National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and National Technical University of Ukraine “KPI”. Within this large-scale prevention event devoted to the World AIDS Day, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, the group of companies “Uspishna Marka” and CSO Socium-XXI implemented the project of social marketing of condoms.

Volunteers handed condoms to the students out in pouch-boxes designed by the creative department of “Successful Brand” group especially for this event. The box was designed in the form of an algorithm-instruction. The first inscription on the flap was “Open”. Following the instruction, a consumer would open a pouch and see two pockets: one with the picture of a balloon read “Inflate”, the other, with a condom – “Put it on”. Taking the balloon, a student could open the next layer with the words “Stick it on” and find there a number of funny stickers that illustrate the role of condoms in the prevention of HIV infection, with joking inscriptions that convey the message. Then there was another inscription – “Read”, under which there was a folded leaflet with the information about the methods of prevention of HIV infection. So, the young people received a comprehensive information about HIV prevention in a merry form, relevant for the target audience. Alla Losik (the group of companies “Successful Brand”) said: “Socially targeted advertising is the point of honour for our company, not of profit”.

As young people are the key target audience, the campaign idea was to organize condoms sampling on the territory of higher educational institutions. If we cannot save young people from casual sexual contacts, we should at least make them as safe as possible. However, condoms were handed out before, so we decided to combine the sampling with information for about HIV problem for the target audience. As our target audience are primarily young people, who would not perceive didacticism or dull warnings, we decided to involve humour in our campaign”.



6. Development of Quality Innovative Programmes

6.1. Harm Reduction Prevention Programmes through Pharmacies

The network of pharmacies, as they are regularly visited by drug addicted people, becomes a reliable partner in the already established chain of HIV prevention, which today includes social services, health care facilities and civil society organisations that implement harm reduction programmes for injecting drug users.

The harm reduction project in pharmacies started from a wish to introduce new approaches to prevention activities within harm reduction programmes, to make the services closer to the programme clients, to involve new partners in the joint activities and to expand the service coverage of the vulnerable groups. The international experience of prevention work among IDU suggested that a significant part of prevention interventions for IDU in the countries of Western Europe was being performed exactly through the pharmacies network. So, in the end of February of 2007, the implementation of programme to respond to the spread of HIV infection among injecting drug users started in Kyiv on the basis of the round-the-clock pharmacy № 101 of the communal enterprise "Pharmatsia".

The programme implementation was preceded by the following activities:

- training for the employees of the pharmacy (training sessions, workshops on prevention of sexually transmitted infections including HIV);
- signing of an Agreement on Cooperation with CE "Pharmatsia";
- dissemination of information by the non-governmental organisations "Eney Club", "Step by Step" and Drop-in Centre about the pharmacy project among IDU;
- ensuring the programme support by Kyiv City Coordination Board on HIV/AIDS Prevention;
- a willingness of pharmacy employees, so that the programme clients (IDU) believed them and started using their services.

An impetus for the further programme development in Kyiv and its introduction in other Ukrainian cities was the coverage of its activity at the II National Conference on Harm Reduction Related to Drug Use (March 21, 2007), conducting of information campaigns on the basis of CE "Pharmatsia" pharmacies on the World AIDS Memorial Day (May 21, 2007) and on the World AIDS Day (December 1, 2007); organisation of a press conference on December 1, 2007 (on the basis of the pharmacy № 101, radio and TV reports and publications in Kyiv and national media.

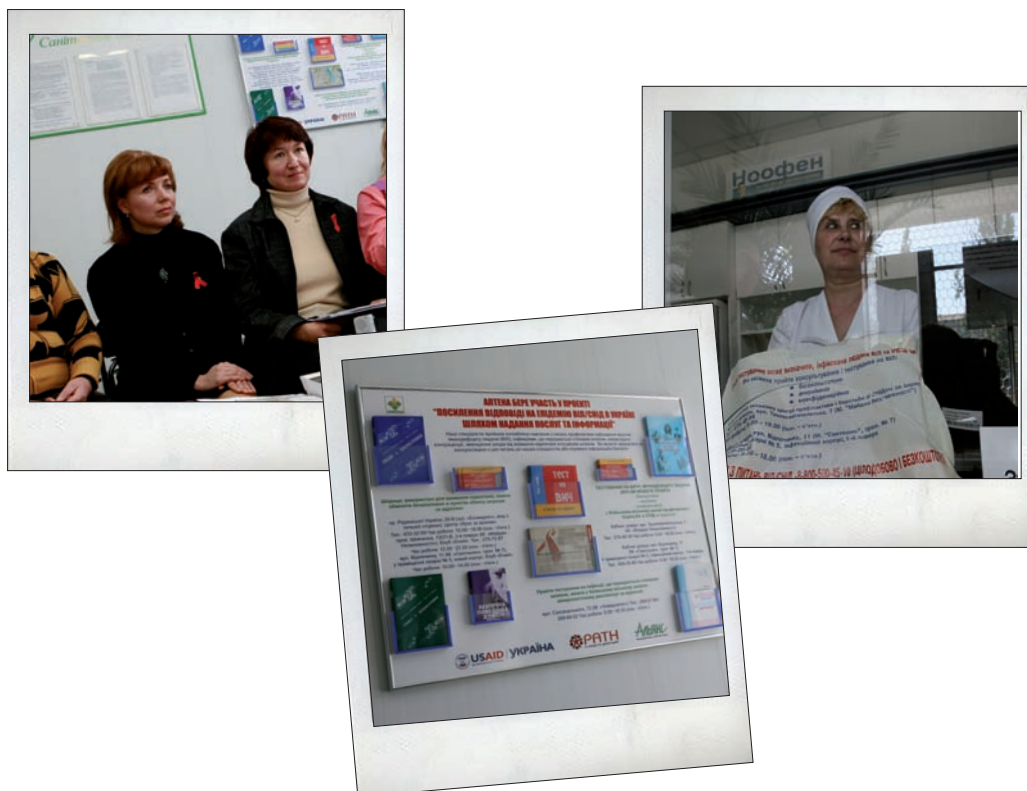
Today the harm reduction programme is being implemented in Kyiv at 6 pharmacies of CE "Pharmatsia" in cooperation with the "Step by Step" NGO.

By December 1, 2007 Kyiv pharmacies were visited by 554 injecting drug users (total 3,960 visits), who received 12,666 syringes, 10,195 ethanol wads and 3,297 condoms.

In 2007, 15 non-governmental organisations, sub-granters of the Alliance-Ukraine, established cooperation on information and prevention activities among IDU with 85 pharmacies (73 of which are private, and 12 – communal ones) in 16 cities of Ukraine. They started to provide free syringes, ethanol wads and condoms in 16 of them. During the average 4.5 months of work (all pharmacies started these activities in different months of 2007), 896 injecting drug users attended them (total 6,611 visits).

The next steps of the programme activities in Ukraine should include:

- Further expansion of distribution of syringes and ethanol pads at the pharmacies.
- Scaling up the programme to all oblasts of Ukraine.
- Involvement of pharmacies of different forms of ownership into the programme and ensuring additional funding for this activity.
- Alignment with SES and introduction of syringe exchange component at the pharmacies.



Pharmacy Projects: Feedback from Clients

I am hesitatingly and silently pushing my card through the window.

- Which ones? – asks a pharmacist.
- Two for two cubes, and one fiver.
- Is it all?
- Well... Give everything you can.

The girl typed on the keyboard without extra questions, returned my card, and gave me 3 syringes, 3 ethanol pads and a condom. Putting all this to the pocket I'm leaving and hear a businesslike voice behind me:

- Next one!

Gosh, how convenient it is! No reprimands, no whispering in the queue. I just gave my card of a participant of the harm reduction programme, received brand-new syringes, other stuff and I'm free! Of course, it would be great to get some useful information in addition...

(P., Leningrandska Square, Kyiv)

Definitely it is more convenient through the pharmacy! You can fail to meet an outreach worker, and the outreach workers themselves would not always come to a person who they don't know. And here, at the pharmacy – you are welcome! – It should have been done so long ago!

(S., participant of the harm reduction project in Sviatoshinsky District in Kyiv)

6.2. Coverage of Most-at-risk Populations through Peer Driven Interventions (PDI)

The **Peer Driven Interventions** model was piloted from March to October 2007 in five HIV servicing organisations in different regions of Ukraine, namely:

- CF Way Home, Odesa
- CF Public Health, Kryviy Rih
- CF Hope, Zaporizhya
- CF New Century, Mykolayiv
- CO Alpha Life, Bila Tserkva

Prior to introducing the new initiative, Robert Broadhead, professor of Connecticut University (USA) and Marina Riabkova (Yaroslavl Oblast HIV/AIDS Prevention Centre, Russia) presented a model that was successfully implemented in Russia, USA, Viet Nam and China as an efficient method to reach hard-to-reach groups, such as young injecting drug users and female IDU. After this introduction a two-day training workshop was conducted for the project counsellors, who planned to introduce the new initiative. Consequently, in 2007, 5 above projects were launched on the basis of Peer Driven Interventions model.

The advantage of this model compared to the traditional outreach work is the use of existing IDU networks. This model helps to find access to hard-to-reach groups of IDU even in the conditions of the closed drug environment. The model is special because each IDU is provided with an opportunity to personally participate in HIV prevention in his or her community. Within this model IDU are training each other on HIV prevention and involve each other in the project. There IDU undergo interviewing, train and receive prevention services.

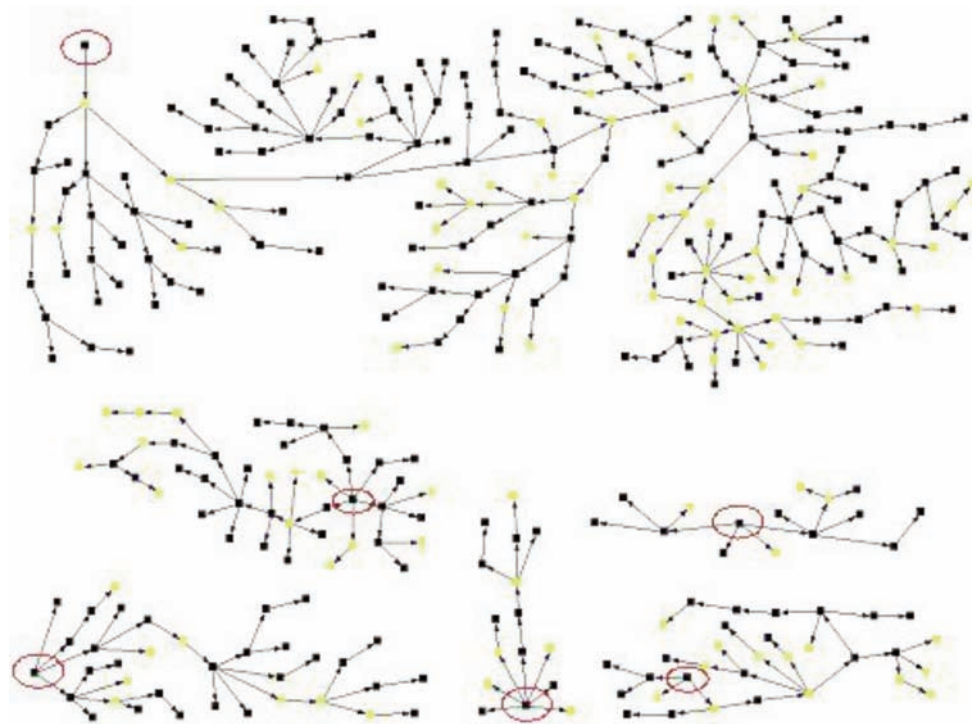
Key objectives of the Peer Driven Interventions model are:

- To involve IDU from hard-to-reach communities (sub-cultures) in the project: young IDU under 25 years of age, including people who use stimulants, as well as female IDU for an in-depth interview and provision of prevention services.
- To develop the safer drug use skills among IDU, safer sex practices, and to train them to disseminate prevention informant in their communities.
- To provide prevention hand-out materials, VCT with the use of rapid tests and to test them on STI.
- To refer clients to other social and medical services and projects that exist in the city.

The project target group includes IDU, who are not clients of harm reduction programmes. The priority groups for the project are young male IDU under 25 years and female IDU of any age.



The plan of action of the project Peer Interaction (PDI-approach):



Thanks to the project activities, 2,273 IDU were covered, including more than 30% women and around 60% - young people under 25 years of age.

City	Number of clients reached	Young IDU (< 25 years)	Female IDU
Kryviy Rih	540	40 %	38 %
Odesa	504	94 %	32 %
Mykolayiv	501	49 %	40 %
Bila Tserkva	394	38 %	14 %
Zaporizhya	334	70 %	33 %

More than 50% of clients involved through the Peer Driven Interventions model became the clients of harm reduction projects, including 11%, who became permanent clients of these projects.

Success Stories

Zaporizhya. A 19 years old girl, who injected drugs 14 times a week, was invited in the Peer Driven Intervention project. After the counselling and referral to a psychologist in the harm reduction project she made a decision to turn to rehabilitation centre. Total 6 clients of the Peer Driven Intervention project turned to the rehabilitation centre in Znamianka. Zaporizhya. A 19 years old girl, who injected drugs 14 times a week, was invited in the Peer Driven Intervention project. After the counselling and referral to a psychologist in the harm reduction project she made a decision to turn to rehabilitation centre. Total 6 clients of the Peer Driven Intervention project turned to the rehabilitation centre in Znamianka.

Odesa. A woman came to the office, who had been using drugs for 8 years. An interview was very useful for her: she learnt a lot of new information about HIV, especially about 'window' period and cross-infection. She agreed to voluntary testing and counselling, and became a permanent client of the harm reduction project; she participated in individual and group consultations, underwent the rehabilitation course and completely refused from drugs. Now she is growing her daughter and is living without drugs.

Kryviy Rih. Many clients positively responded to the project and expressed their gratitude to the project team. One of the clients felt bad during the interview. The project team called to the emergency service and helped to deliver him to a hospital, where he had an urgent lungs operation. After the operation the surgeon said that this man could have died, had not the team of the Peer Driven Intervention project provided an urgent help.

6.3. HIV Prevention Community Centres for Representatives of Vulnerable Groups

Community Centre means community association or place where community members can gather to organize some group activities, provide social support, receive information and spend their spare time.

Community centre should become a place, which is jointly used by the community representatives for social or cultural purposes, or for recreation of a specific group of people. The aim of creation of harm reduction community centres in Ukraine is to provide comprehensive HIV prevention services to the representatives of vulnerable groups, such as active IDU, FSW, MSM, and their close ones. In addition to the provision of such services and ensuring a safe place

to share information, provide mutual support, meet urgent needs and obtain prevention services, the Centre is closely collaborating with a range of organizations that can provide legal counselling, medical services, implement activities to improve the quality of life of the Centre clients.

Each centre, basing on the needs of its target group, institutional and financial capacities, should form its own package of services that are provided to the clients, and have its own organisational form, but it should have a finalized structure and clearly determined objectives and services to be efficient.



Community Centres in Ukraine

In 2007 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine announced the second tender “Establishment and Support of Community Centres for IDU and FSW”, which resulted in the provision of support to 22 projects. To date, 27 such centres work in 22 cities of Ukraine.

Until now these centres operated as satellites to the harm reduction projects. In future their responsibilities will grow – to provide as comprehensive package of services, as possible, basing on the individual client needs, while outreach work will become a tool to involve new clients.

Key Outputs of Community Centres' Operation

An introduction of such a new form of work with HIV vulnerable groups, as community centres, helps to resolve a number of key problems both for the introduction of comprehensive HIV prevention programmes among the representatives of these groups, and for the local communities as well.

Key outputs of the operation of centres that exist in Ukraine include:

I. A community centre is a key link for the introduction of comprehensive prevention, care and support programmes for the representatives of HIV vulnerable groups:

- 1) it ensures a comprehensive character of services that are concentrated in one place, their accessibility and awareness of all existing services;
- 2) it provides access to vulnerable groups to health services and ensures availability of health care workers;
- 3) it ensures referral of clients and their motivation to receive other services.

II. It enables the organisation and self-organisation of communities, vulnerable to HIV, their re-socialization, which is important for the local community, in particular, in terms of the following:

- 1) socialization and social rehabilitation of drug users;
- 2) development of new services for the centre's clients and a role of clients themselves, their relatives and close ones in the development of such services;
- 3) organisation of self-help among the clients of the centres, which contributes to their further self-organisation.

Community centres play a leading role in the process of organisation and self-organisation of communities that are vulnerable to HIV, they provide an opportunity to unite a group of people with common interests and problems, desires and hopes, while the focus on their needs and help of qualified employees can give an impetus for the creation of initiative groups and manifestation of activity of the clients themselves. The centres' activities are already bringing results: during 2007 the community centres employed 130 representatives of vulnerable groups. Such centres should receive a comprehensive support not only from the donor organisations, but also from the government, in particular, in the form of premises and support for their future activities. The first steps of community centres, supported by the Alliance-Ukraine should obtain further support, which will help to create a wide network of such centres.

Community Centres in Ukraine – Existing Experience

Odesa Charity Fund “The Way Home”

A community centre for injecting drug users was created to contribute to their social reintegration and adaptation. The idea to create such a centre came directly from the target group of IDU, who were involved in outreach work – they had common problems and common wish to communicate. The community centre was established with the support of the management of CF “The Way Home”. The centre has a well developed system for the organisation of spare time – it organized a summer camp on the sea shore, an excursion to catacombs, banjee jumping. The centre provides medical and legal counselling, psychological and social support. It also hosts the meetings of self-help groups and information events for the project clients. Every month some 30 people turn to the centre for help.

Feedback from the Centre employees and clients:

90% of our clients are active IDU. The goal of our Centre is to ensure that they would not dally somewhere, would not steal, would not waste their time, but come to us to receive counselling, have some tea, watch TV and receive consumer services. A year is very small time, the work is just beginning. There are positive moments – we now have ST, ARV treatment, because most of our clients have HIV status. A big advantage is that our team – its leader and social workers – have their own experience of drug use, that is why they are respected.

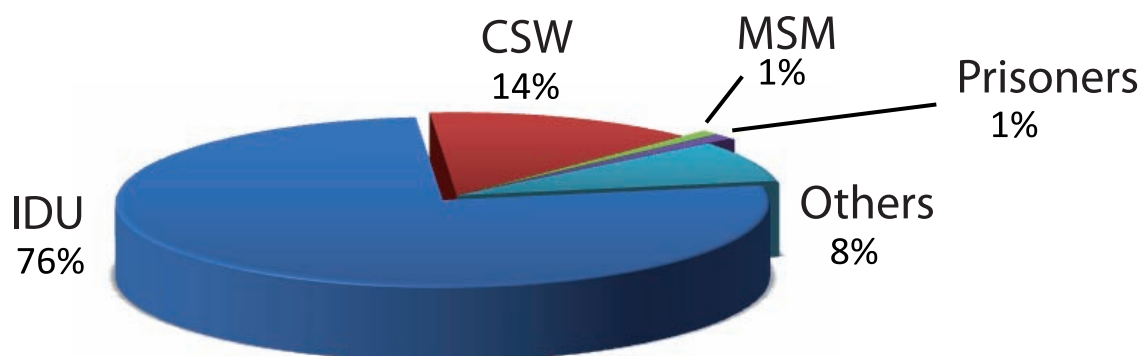
A social worker of the Centre

My philosophy is like this – I use drugs and do not want to quit. I use them, but moderately and correctly. It is a controlled use. And I want to explain it to people with whom we communicate. We created our own small community – an initiative group. It is so good that we can sit here, not just frig around in the streets, but to drink hot tea here, work on computer, talk...

An IDU, a client of the Centre

6.4. VCT with the Use of Rapid Tests

VCT with the Use of Rapid Tests among Representatives of Vulnerable Communities in 2007



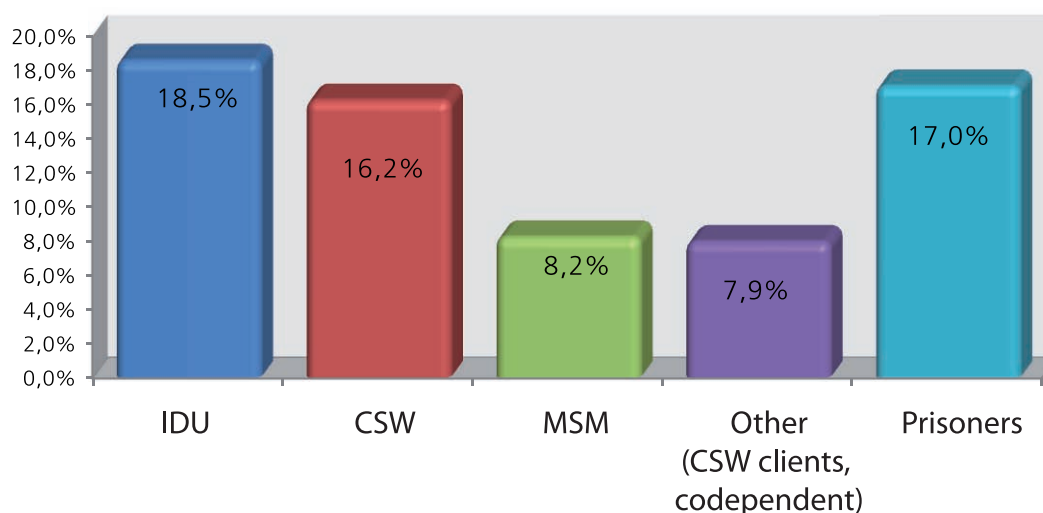
Under the conditions of a sweeping spread of HIV infection, the pre- and post-testing counselling (VCT) plays a key role for the provision of prevention services, scaling-up access to antiretroviral therapy and non-medical care. Everybody has the right to know his or her HIV status, because it is the first step to the prevention and receipt of a timely and efficient health care.

Taking into account the fact that HIV servicing NGO have the closest contacts with IDU, FSW and MSM, in 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine integrated such innovative service, as VCT with the use of rapid tests, in its service package of 60 active projects of HIV prevention in vulnerable groups. This service is of great demand – last year it was used by 21,688 IDU (4,017 results turned out to be positive), 3,889 FSW (630 positive results), 256 MSM (21 positive result), 1,477 prisoners (172) and 1,062 representatives of other categories – people, who had sexual contacts with IDU or FSW, relatives, users of non-injecting

drugs (55 HIV positive results were identified in this group). Despite the fact that this service is provided anonymously, it was found out that 36.4% of people, who received positive results with rapid tests, later turned to AIDS Centres to confirm their status (last year this indicator was 20%).

The advantages of use of rapid tests is an opportunity to provide pre- and post-testing counselling to the representatives of vulnerable groups during one visit in the places of their location, to obtain result quickly (within 15 min.) and to provide VCT to more people. Also, rapid tests allow to avoid mistakes that can occur in the process of laboratory diagnostics. As the Alliance-Ukraine pays a significant attention to the quality of counselling, it is being provided by the physicians from regional AIDS Centres, other health care facilities and employees of civil society HIV servicing organisations, who participated in the VCT training workshops,

Percent of Positive Results of Rapid Tests among Tested Representatives of Vulnerable Communities in 2007





VCT: A Client's History

I'd like to tell a few words about myself. Unfortunately, there were much less happy moments in my life, than failures and problems.

I know about my homosexuality for a long time. And there was a reverse side of it – I stopped feeling myself a part of society. I became secluded and there was nobody to whom I could share my feelings. Then my acquaintances offered me to go for a job to Croatia. And I decided to jump at this opportunity and to change the environment. However, I had to work in sex business. I faced a lot of difficulties, but finally managed to come back home, to Kryviy Rih. Back in Croatia I tried drugs for the first time, because I could not provide sex services when I was sober, and when I came home I understood that I was drug addicted.

One time, when I came for a next dose to water-tower, I noticed a van, where they made blood tests for HIV. There I met employees of the CF "Public Health". They told me why HIV test is needed, what I would get from it, and then made the test. Unfortunately, the result was positive. However, the physician and social workers counselled and supported me. They invited me to the AIDS Centre for the repeated test, and I came there. The second test was also positive. But I already knew that one can live with HIV. If I cardinaly change my way of life, refuse from drugs, I'll be able to preserve my health for a long time. So, I decided to work on myself, because I'm just 27 years old and I want to live. I turned for help to the same social workers. They brought me to the organisation where I met other employees. They referred me to the psychologist, helped to go through detoxification and get rid of physical dependence of drugs. It was not easy. I had to work a lot on myself. Then Valia Kovalenko, a social worker, referred me to CO "With Hope" where I found such people as me at their community centre, and I found friends. Now I look at life differently, do not use drugs, visit self-help group for PLH, work in the bar across the street from the Fund, make repairs at home and put my life in order.

I would like to thank everybody, who helped me to recover. Who knows, what could happen to me, had not I made that HIV test, which made me think about my life. And today, in spite of anything, I am happy because I am not alone.

Ruslan, 27 years, Kryviy Rih

7. Cooperation and Policy

7.1. Policy and Advocacy: Key Achievements at the National Level

During 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine and 20 partner non-governmental organisations implemented 788 advocacy activities in 14 cities of Ukraine within the respective projects. They covered 910 governmental and non-governmental leaders responsible for decision-making at the national and regional levels; 281 people participated in the training sessions and workshops on advocacy; 62 press conferences and round tables were organized.

These activities were being implemented in the conditions of a rather difficult internal political situation in the country: a long pre-election period of uncertainty and irresponsibility, elections, change of government and heads of central governmental authorities. In such extreme conditions it took a lot of efforts from the managers and experts of the Alliance-Ukraine to maintain businesslike and efficient relationships with the respective sectoral ministries and institutions.

Consequently, an essential progress was achieved in the most prioritized and challenging areas: all internal and external obstacles to the introduction of substitution maintenance programme with the use of methadone were removed. During 2007 several medical formulations of Methadone of different producers were registered; on June 4, the MoH of Ukraine issued an order № 295, which approved the procedures for the expansion of SMT programmes, suggested by the Alliance, at 54 health care facilities in most oblasts of Ukraine.

In September 2007 the International Drugs Control Committee (Vienna, Austria) officially adopted the quote of Ukraine for the import of Methadone Hydrochloride in the amount of 32 kg. In December 2007 the Drugs Control Committee, with the approval of SBU, issued a certificate for the import of the first batch of Methadol (methadone hydrochloride) from Canada to Ukraine, which will allow meeting the needs of over 2,200 drug addicted patients.

The whole range of unresolved problems related to the introduction of prevention programmes that were accumulated during the year due to the instability in the government and its ministries required and immediate resolution on the top level. In November

the Alliance-Ukraine and All-Ukrainian Network of PLH sent a number of letters to the top officials, including the President of Ukraine. As a result of it, on December 4, 2007 the President of Ukraine Victor Yushchenko headed an expanded meeting to review the urgent issues in the area of HIV/AIDS response in Ukraine where the floor was given to Andriy Klepikov, Executive Director of the Alliance-Ukraine.

During the meeting the President sharply criticized the state of fulfilling the obligations of the Government of Ukraine before the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in particular in the area of introduction of methadone substitution maintenance therapy. The President of Ukraine pointed out, that the Alliance-Ukraine was making a contribution in the implementation of 2/3 of the National HIV/AIDS Response Programme. On the basis of the meeting results, on December 12, 2007 the President of Ukraine issued a decree "On Additional Urgent Measures to Respond to HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine" which, among other issues, determined the specific activities to remove obstacles to the scaling-up of the substitution maintenance programmes, to recommence the work of the National Coordination Council on Response to Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, to establish cooperation with non-governmental organisations, etc.

In 2007, within the implementation of advocacy projects, the Alliance-Ukraine provided support to 17 representatives of partner organisations, who represented the interests of HIV servicing organisations in the oblast and coordination councils on response to HIV/AIDS and drug use in 14 oblasts of Ukraine.

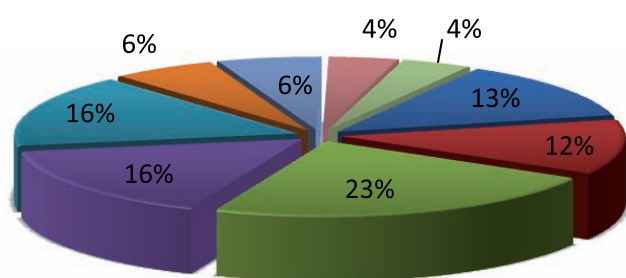
All-Ukrainian Network of PLH, with a grant support from the Alliance-Ukraine, implemented several successful advocacy campaigns for the accessibility of high quality ARV drugs for HIV positive people; for the disclosure of non-transparent system of procurement of these medicines at the state budget expense; against corruption cases at the MoH of Ukraine. These activities were widely covered in the national Ukrainian media and, thanks to it, were widely discussed by the general public.



Support to Human Rights Initiatives

Within the human rights protection coalition project, supported by the Alliance-Ukraine, in April-September 2007 the work of four specialized resource and legal support centres to provide legal assistance to PLH and members of their families was organized with the participation of CF “Step in the Future” (Luhansk), CF “Returning to Life” (Kirovohrad), CCF “Solidarity” (Ivano-Frankivsk) and CF “For the Future without AIDS” (Odesa). The project partners included the All-Ukrainian Network of PLH and the Lawyers Association of Ukraine. A distinguished lawyer of Ukraine, vice-president of the Association, V.I. Kovorotny became the head of legal service of the project.

Within the project, the legal assistance was provided to 223 PLH from ten regions of Ukraine. During the project operations some 70 complaints were submitted that were this way or other related to the HIV status of the clients. Most frequently the problems were related to the disclosure or risk of disclosure of information about the disease, to the provision of ART or treatment of opportunistic infections and HIV testing.



- HIV/AIDS treatment and provision of ART
- HIV testing
- Disclosure of HIV status or risk of such disclosure
- Family relations and HIV infected children
- Activities of law enforcement bodies and the court
- Violation of labor rights
- Violation of property and housing rights
- Limited access to other health services
- Obtaining and renewal of documents

More than 170 complaints sent to the project were about the violation of rights and interests of the clients that were not directly related to their HIV status. A legal support was organized in six cases on the protection of PLH rights, which could have the case law character.

277 distant consultations were provided in response to direct claims from PLH. Besides, 43 distant consultations were provided to ten regional offices of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLH and initiative groups from Kharkiv, Mykolayiv, Zaporizhya, Kirovohrad, Odesa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Donetsk, Pavlograd and other cities.

At the final stage of the project, on September 26, 2007, a round table “Legal Issues of the Protection of Rights and Interests of HIV Positive People” was held at the Bar Academy (Kyiv). Participants included 20 experts and representatives of the Lawyers Association of Ukraine from nine regions. During the round table they discussed the problems and experience of legal protection of HIV positive people, the ways to improve the legislation and judicial practice, the development of cooperation. The round table participants adopted a resolution that contained the list of priority objectives for the improvement of legal protection of PLH.

Activities within the coalition of human rights protection project were covered in the national Ukrainian media, in particular, in the “Dzerkalo Tyzhnia” newspaper and “Advocat” magazine.



Stories from Advocacy Projects

During 2007, within the national advocacy project supported by the Alliance-Ukraine, a Kyiv HIV servicing organisation ICF “Vertical” implemented a range of activities aimed at promoting the access of HIV positive people to ART in the conditions of temporary detention (arrest). The Minister of Health of Ukraine issued an order to create a multisectoral working group that included the representatives of the MoH of Ukraine, MIA of Ukraine, Ukrainian AIDS Prevention Centre, ICF “Vertical” and the Alliance Ukraine. Consequently, the draft Instruction “On Management of People, Who Take Antiretroviral Drugs, During Detention and Arrest (Taking into Custody)”.

“Signing of this order will provide an opportunity to avoid shameful situations when due to the unlawful actions of the law enforcement officers HIV positive people experienced inhuman treatment and humiliation, have to interrupt ARV treatment and have to disclose their diagnosis to return their medicines”, - said Pavlo Skala (Alliance-Ukraine) at the press conference at UNIAN on September 26, 2007.

Today the draft multisectoral order has been sent for approval to the MoH of Ukraine. During the project implementation the national mass media, printed and Internet editions have published some 20 topical articles and materials on the violation of human rights of HIV positive people by the militia officers.

At the same time, the project has published a booklet “To the Militia Officers about HIV/AIDS and ARV Therapy” to increase the awareness of law enforcement officers of Ukraine of this problem and to avoid the violations of right of PLH to the access to this life-saving treatment.

7.2. Advocacy at the Regional Level

A number of advocacy initiatives were being implemented at the local level. NGO that provide care and support services to HIV positive people were documenting the cases when militia officers took the vitally needed ARV drugs from the detained HIV infected people at the moment of arrest. Militiamen usually explain that they do not have relevant instructions that would determine the procedures to provide medicines to the arrested individuals, who may have HIV positive status.

Examples of Successful Regional Advocacy Projects

1. “Light of Hope” (Poltava)

Basing on the Resolution of the CMU adopted back in 2006 “On creation of children’s centres for HIV infected children and youth”, which recommended to oblast public administrations to contribute to the creation of such centres in each oblasts, and thanks to an advocacy campaign aimed primarily at the Deputy Governor on Humanitarian Issues of Poltava Oblast and on the Head of Budget Committee of the Oblast Council, the budget funding was ensured for the Centre for HIV Infected Children in Poltava for 2008 through the adoption of corresponding decisions by the Oblast Public Administration and Oblast Council. A decision was made to allocate UAH 200,000 from the oblast budget and UAH 400,000 as a subvention from the state budget. The oblast CSSCY will be administering the funds.

In March 2007 residents of Pyriatyn (Poltava oblast) contacted the organisation on the problems with admission of HIV positive children to pre-school educational facilities. When the members of multidisciplinary team of the project “Adherence to HAART” visited and infectious diseases ward of Pyriatyn district hospital, three mothers turned to them with the requests to provide help. They had the following problem: when these women turned to various pre-school facilities with a request to admit their children, they received an agreement in the beginning, but when the administrators saw the

documents of these children they refused to admit the children on the pretext of an ostensible lack of places, long waiting lists, improper residential address, etc. Working meetings with the deputy head of district department of education and a methodologist of preschool facilities were organized to resolve the situation. In the process of negotiations they gave the guarantees to admit these children to the kindergartens. In response to the request of the department managers and educational seminar for teachers and tutors of preschool facilities was conducted.

Also, an active informational and educational campaign was under way to support the advocacy activities. In particular, at the expense of their own resources and with support from the head of oblast Department to Combat Illicit Drugs Circulation they organized 2 seminars for militia officers of Kremenchuk with the participation of 42 law enforcement officers from the DCIDC, CID, district inspectors and administrative service.

2. Mykolayiv Oblast Youth Movement “Penitentiary Initiative”

In order to resolve the problem with a limited access of HIV positive people to ART, when they are detained by militia, the organisation contributed to the adoption of an instruction by the head of the public security department of the DMIA and head of DCIDC in Mykolayiv oblast “On additional training for the personnel within the system of professional training, on the issues of ART for HIV positive people who are arrested”; the methodological recommendations on management of the detained people, who take ART, were provided.

Thanks to the signing of a tripartite agreement between the AIDS Centre, Office of Penitentiary Department in Mykolayiv oblast and organisation “Penitentiary Initiative” the process of biochemical testing for prisoners was optimized. During the period from January to August 2007, 624 tests were made for 52 patients, kept at penitentiary facilities.

7.3. Regional Coordination

Different trends of epidemic development in the regions of Ukraine and allocation of resources to curb it from different sources requires a clear coordination and sustainable system of intersectoral and interregional collaboration. Regional coordinators continue working in nine most severely affected regions of Ukraine (Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Kherson and Cherkasy oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol and AR Crimea). They play an important role in the establishment of cooperation and collaboration between the civil society and governmental sector on prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS at the local level, in the introduction of innovative prevention programmes, advocacy of the interests of vulnerable groups, fundraising and involvement of new organisations.

In 2007, thanks to the efforts of regional coordinators, 36 new non-governmental organisations were involved (18 new NGO started their activities in 2007, and 18 NGO will start operating in the beginning of 2008); the epidemic response geographical coverage expanded to 20 cities and 7 towns. Hard-to-reach target groups, including MSM, 'difficult' teenagers and people affected by trafficking were being involved in the service provision.

Regional coordinators participate in the work of coordination councils for the prevention of HIV/AIDS spread, which helps them to represent and lobby the interests of vulnerable groups, and influence the development of programmes funded from the local budgets; to initiate and implement awareness raising events at the World AIDS Day and the World AIDS Memorial Day.

The Alliance-Ukraine applies various forms of regional coordination:

- regional coordinator, head of HIV servicing organisation or resource and information centre on HIV/AIDS issues;
- independent regional coordinator (unlinked to the activities of a specific organisation);
- network (or coalition) organisation capable of coordinating epidemic response at the oblast level.

Each of the above models has its own advantages. So, in order to provide technical assistance to non-governmental organisations that work in the region, the regional coordinator linked to a specific organisation proved to be the best model; to attract new partners it was better to have an independent coordinator; while organisation based model was the best to raise additional funding.

In 2007 a charity organisation "Association of Non-governmental Organisations of Odesa Oblast "Together for Life"" was established in Odesa; it included 18 non-governmental HIV servicing organisations and two representatives/coordinators of international organisations. The Association will perform regional coordinating functions. In particular, it received funding to perform advocacy activities and develop a single form of registration of the clients of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support programmes.

7.4. Development of the National Monitoring and Evaluation System

In 2007 Ukraine prepared its National report on the Follow Up to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS. This report includes 26 indicators with 25 of them recommended by UNAIDS. Data collection for the National report continued during May-October 2007. The Alliance-Ukraine supported the data collection activities for 15 national indicators, in particular those which describe outcomes and impact of prevention programmes among the general population and the most-at-risk groups.

In order to monitor the epidemic conditions among IDU, FSW, MSM and prisoners, special epidemiological studies were performed in 2007 within these groups.

- Traditional for Ukraine cohort studies among prisoners were carried out. It made it possible to both evaluate the level of HIV prevalence within this group and to assess the incidence levels and infection risks during the imprisonment.
- Sentinel epidemiological surveillance among FSW, IDU and STI patients in 2007 was carried out in 12 cities covering both the most affected regions and regions with less threatening epidemiological situation. Sentinel studies among MSM were implemented in six cities and resulted in first reliable data on HIV prevalence within this group.
- In 2007 the practice of linked studies among IDU and MSM was introduced for the first time ever. Such studies made it possible not only to evaluate the level of knowledge and behaviour, but to identify those behavioural factors which definitely increase the risk of HIV infection. For the first time a study among MSM employed the RDS method (a response-driven sample), thus producing more representative data.
- The first stage of the national behavioural surveillance study of early seroconversion among the general population and IDU. This study, which used the case-control method, made it possible to identify and describe factors and to recognize pat-

terns of risky behaviours which lead to HIV infection. The next stage of the study will allow tracking behavioural changes in those HIV-infected, and identify the incidence levels within the established cohort of HIV-negative respondents.

- In order to identify knowledge levels, accessibility of testing and the levels of safe behaviours among the general population of reproductive age, a study among the uniformed personnel and national representative omnibus survey among adults aged 15-49 years were conducted.

Within the framework of behavioural studies in 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine provided technical assistance to three central executive bodies, thus improving their capacity in the field of collection and analysis of behavioural data.

At the beginning of September 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine supported a workshop on the processing of data collected through the RDS method (respondent-driven sample). This technology to form the total sampling envisages rather complicated data analysis methodology. Special programme allows to receive more reliable data taking into account the size of respondent network. The workshop brought together monitoring experts from NGOs, AIDS centres' epidemiologists and representatives of partner research agencies.

In 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine continued its monitoring and evaluation workshops for the regions of the second wave. Effective M&E system builds on unified principles, clear mechanisms and coordination. The national M&E system requires clear understanding and well-established mechanisms at the regional level. That is why workshops on regional monitoring and evaluation systems are well-timed step forward towards the development of a single M&E system. The most affected oblasts possess relevant experience in building such systems, and this allows them to make strategic decisions effectively and to plan adequate measures in response to the epidemic.

It is anticipated that each oblast will have own monitoring and evaluation system, serving as an important framework for the national M&E system.

Financial monitoring is one of the important areas of the national M&E system development. In order to develop a system of expenditure monitoring, in July 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine, in cooperation with UNAIDS, organized training for representatives of central executive bodies and financial experts involved in budgeting and cost analysis. Leading

international experts were invited to teach at the seminar. The main goal of this seminar was to review international approaches, to develop the action on HIV/AIDS expenditure analysis and to formulate a common vision of such monitoring system in Ukraine by various specialists. In addition, the seminar participants were made familiar with international approaches towards calculations of financial costs of programmes and expenditure monitoring in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention.

In 2007 the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, in cooperation with representatives of the Alliance's head office in Brighton finalized and published the practical manual **“Programme Monitoring and Evaluation for Organisations Coordinating and Implementing Prevention Projects among the Most Vulnerable Groups and Care and Support Projects for PLWH”**.

This publication is easy-to-follow practical manual on the development and implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems for HIV prevention, care and support projects implemented by governmental and non-governmental organisations, which work in this area either as coordination agencies or implementing partners. This manual would be useful for specialists responsible for the development and management of M&E systems, as well as for managers of the organisations, who make decisions on programme planning and resource allocation, and who are actually responsible for the realization of high-quality, effective interventions.

This manual offers description of a step-by-step development and implementation of the monitoring and evaluation system, as well as examples of tools, forms, information systems used in the process of data collection and analysis. The manual also offers a list of recommended indicators with appropriate data collection methodologies.

7.5. Contribution to the Health Care Institutions' Capacity Building in the Area of Quality Service Provision to HIV-infected Patients

In order to bring ARV-treatment in line with unified standards, the Alliance-Ukraine, Ukrainian AIDS Centre and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine jointly developed and institutionalized a system of palliative care provision to HIV-infected individuals and AIDS patients. Corresponding clinical protocol, which regulates organisational issues of palliative care provision (comprehensiveness of the follow-up: medical and psychosocial aspects) and offers recommendations on clinical aspects of palliative care, was developed back in 2006, but it was finally approved only in 2007 by the Order of MoH Ukraine No. 368 as of July 03, 2007.

The Alliance-Ukraine provided technical assistance in the establishment of palliative care units in Poltava,

Mykolayiv, Luhansk, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia oblasts, Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in the city of Kyiv. In addition, the Alliance-Ukraine helped to organize a visit of international palliative care experts – Veronica Moss and Katherine O’Kiff, who represented “Mildmay”, the British charity organisation, which has HIV/AIDS care and support clinics in London, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Kenya. British experts assessed needs of Ukrainian medical specialists in the area of palliative care training and developed relevant 4-module training course; the first training module was held with the participation of 25 medical workers.

In 2007 palliative care was provided to at least 842 persons in 13 regions of Ukraine.



7.6. Procurement

At the beginning of 2007 the Alliance-Ukraine seriously enlarged its Treatment, Procurement and Supply department to improve its capacity to ensure independent procurement and supply management. The Alliance-Ukraine developed and approved "Procedures for the Procurement of Medical Commodities", which became the foundation of the transparent and competitive procurement system. In spring 2007 the department passed the Global Fund's capacity evaluation. Currently it executes all procurements of pharmaceutical products and commodities for prevention within Rounds 1 and 6 of the Global Fund grants. By using "Procedures", the department is able to perform procurement within programmes of other donors, including USAID, Levi Strauss Foundation, etc. The detailed list of medical goods and commodities procured and supplied to the regions in 2007 is provided in annexes.

Effective organisation of procurement of HIV prevention means and commodities in 2007, as well as timely use of these products in programmes allowed the Alliance-Ukraine to save a considerable amount of procurement budget. It was a result of practical application of international bidding and product supply tools. For example, charitable aid of the United States Agency for International Development in the form of condoms released over one million dollars which would be used to strengthen other programme components. In addition, tender procurements with involvement of broad network of international suppliers and the Alliance's own database for registration of imported products will make it possible to save up to 27% of procurement budget and to channel funds to other programmes.

The issue of procurement is very important within the Round 6 programme. For example, by the end of 2007 **a procurement agreement with the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH was drafted.** It is expected to be signed in mid-February. Within this agreement the Alliance-Ukraine shall procure, supply and distribute the following medicines:

- Antiretroviral drugs and medications to treat opportunistic infections in 600 patients (year 1 of the Round 6 programme).

- CD4 count and viral load tests for ART monitoring.
- Tuberculosis diagnostic materials for patients with TB co-infection.
- Methadone pills for substitution maintenance therapy for 1,300 patients.

Procurement and supply management within the Round 6 programme:

- 51,500 syphilis rapid tests to be distributed in February 2008.
- 14,420 pregnancy rapid tests to be distributed in February 2008.
- 26 800 HIV rapid tests – supplied in February 2007, the next supply will be 37,173 test-kits; to be distributed in March 2008.
- 3,325 million of lubricant sachets – the first supply is 0.5 million items; to be distributed by the end of February 2008.
- 14 mobile clinics – fully equipped and certified; to be distributed by the end of April 2008.
- Procurement of drugs for STI treatment is underway. Distribution is planned for March 2008.

An agreement was reached with USAID on free supply of 30.78 million condoms to support prevention programmes in Ukraine. The first supply (13.68 million) was delivered in September 2007, of which 8.5 million was given to the Alliance-Ukraine. The next supply (17.1 million) is expected in March 2008, of which the Alliance-Ukraine will receive 10.5 million more condoms for programme purposes.

The Alliance-Ukraine currently holds negotiations with the USAID Commodity Fund on free provision of 130,000 female condoms for the Year 1 of the Round 6 programme. If the agreement is signed in the first quarter, these commodities will be delivered no later than summer 2008.

Procurement: Prompt Response

In June 2007 the Hoffmann-La Roche company, a well-known pharmaceutical company, had announced that several batches of “Viracept”, an ART drug, contained a contaminant that could present danger to patients’ health. The company recommended to stop the use of “Viracept” and to return or to destroy the remaining stock of the medicine. This recommendation was supported by the World Health Organisation and EMEA (European Medicines Agency).

The Alliance-Ukraine immediately informed the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Ukrainian AIDS Centre, All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV and other partners on the situation. On July 3, 2007 the MoH of Ukraine issued an Order to stop the use of “Viracept” all over the country. Cessation of its use and failure to substitute it threatened to interrupt the patient treatment regimes and actually to destroy treatment programmes. Within the Global Fund programmes only, almost 1,000 patients were treated with the use of this medicine.

The situation and possible ways to settle it were immediately discussed during the Alliance-Ukraine’s treatment working group meeting with the participation of national experts. Since “Viracept” was the protease inhibitor, it could be substituted only with another PI. For Ukraine it meant that there was only one alternative medicine – “Kaletra”, manufactured by the Abbott company. Since “Viracept” has been already recalled in many countries, the demand for “Kaletra” increased immensely. Thanks to very quick decisions and moves and owing to international connections of the procurement department, the Alliance-Ukraine could procure and deliver enough “Kaletra” to substitute the already recalled “Viracept”. Since the large batch of “Viracept” was purchased shortly before this incident, the Alliance-Ukraine had to use its previous savings.

The new medicine was delivered promptly, thus avoiding the interruption of treatment programmes. Regional AIDS centres received “Kaletra” within the shortest possible terms and transferred their patients to this medicine.

After the successful settlement of the situation, negotiations were held with the manufacturer regarding the remuneration of “Viracept” value and other costs; the contaminated medicine was destroyed.



7.7. Primary Prevention through Education Sector

The Alliance-Ukraine plays an important role in the implementation of the National Programme objective regarding the realization of information and awareness programmes, interactive forms of learning and formation of life skills with reduction of HIV vulnerability in educational and extracurricular facilities, on television and radio, in enterprises and institutions.

In close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science, central and oblast institutes of post-graduate pedagogical education, education authorities and regional resource centres implemented specialized prevention programmes for school students.

In 2007 Trainings on HIV/AIDS prevention and healthy lifestyles teaching methodology brought together 5,590 teachers from secondary schools; 65,398 students were reached with HIV prevention and healthy lifestyle propagation courses.

In 2007 mass implementation of two prevention programmes on the basis of life skills-based health education (LSHE) was continued:

1. *Programme for senior students "School against AIDS"* – has proved impact efficiency and ensures effective primary HIV prevention among school students aged 13-18 years.
2. *"Basics of Health"* educational course for the general secondary schools. Suggested teaching technology ensures formation of fundamental social and psychological competencies in students, necessary to lead healthy, safe and productive life (including reduction of young people's vulnerability to HIV infection).

As a result of programme implementation, over 23% of Ukraine's students received access to quality prevention education, while more than 39% of schools were staffed with appropriately trained teachers.

Programme Successes

Proved effectiveness of "School against AIDS" project.

Independent study, conducted in 2006/2007 academic year using "before" and "after" methodology demonstrated that the educational course guarantees positive changes at the level of personal safety of students, in particular, the number of students who give correct answers to all quiz "Knowledge" questions increases by 24 – from 1.4% to 34%); the number of students who demonstrate maximal tolerant attitudes towards PLWH, tripled (from 16% to 52%); the number of students who intend to refrain from early initiation of sexual life, increases by 13% (from 71% to 84%).

Great interest in other CIS countries

Programmes, developed with the support of ICF "International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine", have a module structure, which makes them easily adaptable to any other cultures. For example, the Ministry of Education of Tajikistan used them to develop a course "Healthy Lifestyles" for students of 1-11 grades, while our authors developed the appropriate educational kit for students and teachers of 7-9 grades.

7.8. Cooperation with Faith-Based Organisations

Continuing cooperation with churches and faith-based organisations, launched within the project “Inclusion of New Partners in Fighting HIV/AIDS Epidemic” (2004–2006), supported by the United States Agency for International Development within the SUNRISE project, in 2007 ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” conducted a special study “Analysis of the Range of Services Provided by Faith-Based Organisations of Different Confessions in the Area of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control”. The goal of the study was to analyze activities of religious confessions and organisations in the area of HIV prevention, care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS; to identify the list and to map basic services offered by confessions and faith-based organisations in the area of HIV/AIDS at the national level and in different regions of Ukraine. Eight religious confessions – members of All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organisations, as well as two neo-protestant branches of Christian associations, participated in the study.

Study results were presented at the meeting of All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organisations on November 6, 2007, as well as at the All-Ukrainian Forum of Churches and Religious Organisations “Listening to Voices of HIV/AIDS. Finding the Voice of Ours”» (November 8–10, 2007). These findings caused exceptional interest of representatives of churches and faith-based organisations and all other stakeholders. The study materials will be included in the interdenominational publication “Participation of Churches and Faith-Based Organisations of Ukraine in Fighting HIV/AIDS Epidemic and Their Work with People Living with HIV/AIDS”, which is currently being prepared by the All-Ukrainian All-faith Charitable Foundation “Vira. Nadiya. Liubov” (Faith. Hope. Love).

It is anticipated that the research data on the work of churches and faith-based organisations in overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemic, will help non-governmental, governmental and international organisations to establish closer cooperation at the regional and national levels to ensure sustainability and effectiveness of services for groups, most vulnerable to HIV.

8. Alliance-Ukraine – National Leader in HIV/AIDS Response

Results of National epidemic response evaluation conducted under the UNAIDS co-ordination at the end of 2007 emphasized the Alliance Ukraine contribution to the HIV epidemic response acting as a national non-governmental leader.

Co-ordination of efforts on different aspects of the epidemic response takes place both during large national-scale forums and regular general stakeholders meetings and also by involving key national experts to the development of programmes.

Scaling up its organisational capacity rather actively since 2001, the Alliance Ukraine united high-professional staff and the best potential in the HIV/AIDS

epidemic response field. Management technologies and the development of professional capacity approach, procedures of grant programmes financial management; approaches to the programmes' monitoring introduced by the Alliance-Ukraine became standards for the majority of Ukrainian NGOs and partner organisations in the world.

Our approach to work is professionalism, coordinated national activities and orientation on the needs of vulnerable communities; it turns into basis for the development of technical support programmes for partner NGOs.

8.1. National Conferences

National Conference on Harm Reduction from the Drug Use.

On March 21-23, 2007 the House of Cinema in Kyiv hosted the 2nd National Conference on Harm Reduction from the Drug Use, which brought together close to 400 delegates from NGOs, governmental and international organisations. In addition to the Alliance-Ukraine and other national and international organisations, this forum was co-organized by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine, the State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine. It was the first occasion when the conference of this type was partially financed from budget funds.

Key issues, which were actively discussed during the plenary and group sessions, included the issues of scaling up harm reduction and substitution therapy programmes, including those with methadone. The conference participants get familiar with the present-day Ukrainian experience and innovative project development trends, implemented within the programme "Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine". At the moment of the conference, prevention projects reached over 110 thousand injecting drug users in virtually all regions of Ukraine, including 530 SMT programme clients in 9 cities of Ukraine.

It is important that over 50 representatives of law enforcement agencies working in the areas of drug

use and illicit drug circulation participated in the discussions. The conference participants noted that the attitudes of law enforcers towards harm reduction and substitution therapy programmes change for better after the participation in such events.

One of group sessions, dedicated to media coverage of the issue of drug dependence and HIV/AIDS, was moderated by Savik Shuster, the well-known and popular in Russia and Ukraine journalist, who set up the group discussion in the format of his «Freedom of Speech» programme.

Drug users and clients of substitution therapy programmes also actively participated in the conference. During the opening ceremony several dozens of people with their mouths covered with white bandages organized a "silent protest" against inaction of decision-making politicians and bureaucrats, who ignore vital needs of drug dependant persons in treatment and substitution therapy.

During the closing ceremony several people representing drug users and ST programme clients read off a conference resolution with clear and concrete proposals on the necessity of action of governmental and non-governmental sectors.



The Third National Conference on Monitoring and Evaluation

The last week of September traditionally features the national conference on monitoring and evaluation. It brought together almost 200 experts involved in the development of monitoring and evaluation system to track the country' response to the epidemic. Results of various studies held in 2007 were presented at the conference. Interesting discussions took place in sessions dedicated to behavioural and epidemiological studies. For the first time the conference had a separate session on the issues of monitoring and evaluation of interventions, focused on children and youth of the increased risk of HIV infection, as well as issues of operational research.

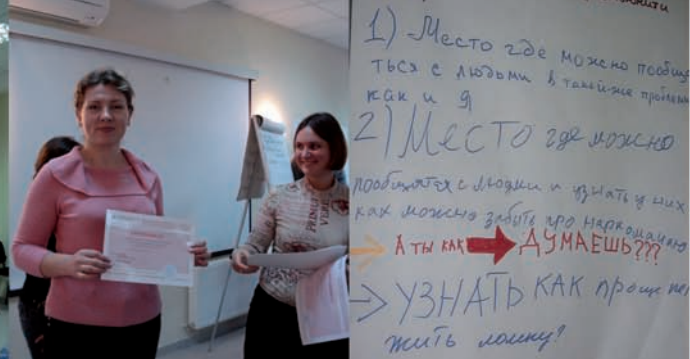
In addition to plenary and session meetings, the conference offered its participants master-classes, which were developed and presented by international experts. These master-classes included:

- Data triangulation.
- Analysis of quality of project interventions and services in the area of HIV/AIDS.

- Analysis of epidemiological HIV/AIDS situation according to statistical indicators.
- Quality research. The best ways of realization?
- Coverage of injecting drug users with basic services.

Upon the conference completion, its participants developed proposal to the Conference Resolution, where they confirmed M&E system development priorities for the next year. Such priority measures include the following: the use of monitoring and evaluation data in the development of sectoral, regional and local HIV/AIDS programmes; development of procedures to evaluate progress against targets, set by HIV/AIDS programmes and projects; involvement of M&E specialists during the programme and project planning and development.





8.2. Technical Assistance to NGOs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

In 2007, based on the best practices and key achievements in Ukraine, the Alliance-Ukraine launched a systematic campaign to provide technical assistance in the development of prevention projects and non-governmental organisations in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Below are the key areas of technical assistance to NGOs:

1. Institutional development of HIV-service NGOs of the region, including comprehensive assessment of NGO organisational development; development of financial and administrative management systems; procedures and structures of NGO management, etc.;
2. Development of HIV prevention service provision for the most-at-risk groups; comprehensive package of medical and social services for vulnerable groups.

During 2007 the following technical assistance visits were undertaken in the region:

- In February 2007 technical assistance in the development of Alliance's programme monitoring system was provided in India.
- The National Harm Reduction Conference, which was organized by the Alliance-Ukraine and many other key national and international stakeholders and held in February 2007 in Kyiv, was attended by the harm reduction specialists from the Russian Federation, Georgia and other CIS countries.
- In April 2007, in cooperation with "AntiAIDS" Association of HIV-service Organisations and upon the GF financial support, the Alliance-Ukraine organized the national training "Improvement of Financial Management and Administering of NGOs, which Implement HIV/AIDS Programmes" in the city of Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) for 18 NGOs from 7 oblasts of the country and the capital city.
- In July-August 2007 three NGO leaders from Russia (Tver, Sankt-Petersburg) and from Georgia participated in the International Summer Advocacy School near Kyiv.
- In September 2007 Russian and Belorussian experts participated in the 3rd National Conference on Monitoring and Evaluation of Ukraine's Response to HIV/AIDS Epidemic.
- From September 2007 to January 2008 the Alliance-Ukraine specialist provided counselling

support in drafting national reports on the follow up to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS in Turkmenistan, Georgia and Bosnia.

- In October 2007, upon the commission of the UNAIDS Office in Moldova, the Alliance-Ukraine conducted intermediary evaluation of the organisation development of PLWH League of Moldova. The method of semi-structured interviews with the League leaders and member organisations was used. The programme of PLWH League organisational development was developed on the basis of evaluation results.
- In November 2007, in cooperation with the Alliance Secretariat and "AntiAIDS" Association, the Alliance-Ukraine organized a training "Capacity Building of Alliance Project Recipients in the Area of Financial Management" in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, for NGO experts from three countries of the region (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan). The training was funded by the World Bank.
- Within the meeting on monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS response in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, organized by UNAIDS in Kyiv, the Alliance-Ukraine presented its experience in the area of programme monitoring and national M&E system development.
- In December 2007 the Moldovan town Vadul-lui-Voda hosted training on structured and procedural development of members and partners of PLWH League of Moldova, called "Organisational Development for Understanding: Development of Structures and Procedures" for 38 NGO leaders.
- In December 2007 training "A Woman Who Lives with HIV – Activist and Leader" was organized in cooperation with NGO "Childhood for All" with the support of UNAIDS-Moldova. The training brought together 16 NGO activists and volunteers representing female PLWH movement of Moldova.

In 2008 it is planned to expand capacity of technical assistance provision through the organisation of training and knowledge sharing visits to the Alliance-Ukraine specialists and partner organisations; through the organisation of specialized trainings in the countries of the region and through the preparation of educational events with involvement of region's specialists.

8.3. Capacity Building of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in the Area of Programmatic Monitoring and Evaluation

In August 2007, with the launch of implementation of the Round 6 grant of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV (along with the ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”) became the Principal Recipient of the GF funding, being responsible for the treatment, care, support and establishment of favourable environment components. Consequently, the programme monitoring and evaluation component was divided between the two principal recipients.

Since the Alliance-Ukraine has been performing functions of the Global Fund’s Round 1 grant recipient beginning from 2004, the monitoring and evaluation unit at the Alliance-Ukraine had enough time to develop and implement a comprehensive system of programme monitoring, which includes procedures, forms and tools (including information systems).

During the assessment of organisation’s capability to become a Principal Recipient, the Alliance-Ukraine’s M&E team provided different methodological and organisational support to the M&E unit within the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV. At that time it consisted of only one staff member. A set of documents, required by the assessment procedures (including examples of monitoring tools and description of the future structure of the Network’s M&E Unit) was prepared in close cooperation with the Alliance-Ukraine specialists.

The assessment results identified the need in the external technical assistance to the All-Ukrainian

Network of People Living with HIV in the area of monitoring and evaluation. The International HIV/AIDS Alliance helped to draft a contract with the international consulting company APMG (AIDS Project Management Group), according to which leading experts of this company shall provide assistance in the development of the Network’s M&E system during 6 months.

Within the Global Fund’s Round 6 grant implementation a number of activities and steps are planned for the next two years to build the capacity of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV in the area of programme monitoring and evaluation. Such activities will include:

- Training and skills development on the use of planning and reporting information system, employed by the Alliance-Ukraine for sub-recipient reporting and record-keeping;
- Consultations on the development of reporting documentation;
- Consultations on the development of separate module for client registration information system for the PLWH care and support component (currently this system is used by the Alliance-Ukraine for the prevention projects);
- Consultations and joint realization of other monitoring and evaluation activities, envisaged by the Principal Recipient functions.

8.4. Large-Scale Events of the Alliance-Ukraine

The Alliance-Ukraine continues to support its own innovation project, aimed at drawing the public attention towards the problem of the rapid HIV spread. In particular, it concerns social and psychological problems, faced by HIV-positive children.

Press tour to Bila Tserkva Children's Orphanage

On the eve of International AIDS Memorial Day (on May 15, 2007), the Alliance-Ukraine organized a press tour to Bila Tserkva to summarize results of the project to help HIV-infected children. Experts, doctors, representatives of the Embassy of Belgium to Ukraine and representatives of mass media (printed press, television and radio) participated in the press tour.

Journalists had an opportunity to witness the symbolic delivery of presents, purchased for the money collected in December 2006 during the charity event "Young Art against AIDS"; to communicate with experts; to pose questions about HIV/AIDS; and to see, how little orphanage's inmates live in the institution.



On behalf of ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Belgium to Ukraine, his wife, Ms. Hilde Hermans-Vinck, noted the importance of cooperation between Belgium and Ukraine in the area of support and assistance to HIV-infected and AIDS patients. She also stated that Belgium highly appreciates and supports the noble efforts of those who work with HIV-infected children, deprived of parental care.

During the unofficial part of the visit journalists had an opportunity to look through the information kits; to participate in the presentation and discussion of the brochure "HIV/AIDS and Media: Recommendations for Journalists"; to communicate with the staff of the institution, experts and participants of the "Young Art against AIDS" event.

"Touch the Sky" Event

On the eve of International AIDS Memorial Day, the Alliance-Ukraine and the Belgian Club of Aeronautics, with the support of international charitable organisations and businesses organized an event "Touch the Sky" for children with hard lives and fate.

Inmates of children's homes, children from low-income families, HIV-infected orphans and former homeless children from various regions of Ukraine received a chance to go ballooning.



As Natalka Voynarovska (the Alliance-Ukraine) put it, this experience would help children with difficult fate both to get rid of painful memories of the past and to build self-confidence. "After leaving the ground, we see things under the different perspective. Everything that seemed illusory before can become a reality now" The idea of this event was to show children that they are able to expand their horizons without limits.

Billboards on Kyiv streets

In June 2007 Kyiv saw a number of billboards and city-lights with copies of drawings with the following inscription: "There are 6 thousand HIV-infected children living in Ukraine. Do not deprive them of their right to study and to communicate with their peers", "Present your care to people around you".

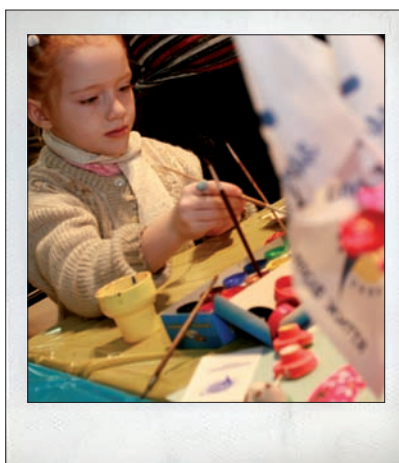
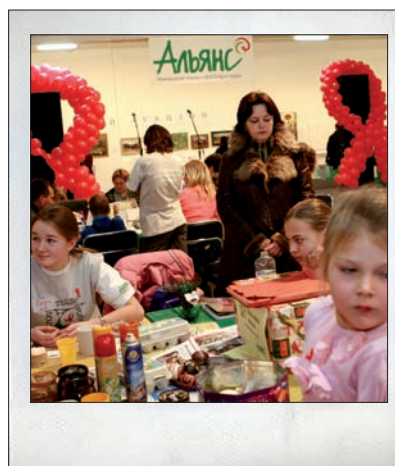
World AIDS Day: HIV-infected children in the spotlight

On December 1, 2007 ICF "International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine" commemorated the World AIDS Day through the organisation of two-day charitable exhibition fair **"Young Art against AIDS"**. The fair was attended by three thousand people – adults and children participated in master-classes on beading and glass painting. Guests also participated in charitable lotteries and games.

The goal of the event was to draw public attention towards problems faced by HIV-infected children and to promote more tolerant and sensitive attitudes towards children, affected by the epidemic.

Over 500 young and professional artists and talented children donated their works for the exhibition fair. Overall, this event helped to collect about 32,000 hryvnas of contributions. The Alliance-Ukraine handed this money over to the Olena Franchuk Foundation "AntiAIDS" to purchase equipment for the mobile clinic for HIV-infected children.

The event "Young Art against AIDS" remains a unique initiative for Ukraine, since it unites charitable organisations, private donors and diplomatic missions. Tetiana Goriushyna, a well-known Ukrainian painter, participates in this event for the second time. "For me this event is an opportunity to join good deeds and to help HIV-positive children. It is very good, when you can realize your talent in a way to serve the others in need immediately. This exhibition united many people of different occupations and spheres. Probably, it is the way how our society – together – has to overcome all challenges it faces", noted Ms. Tetiana Goriushyna.



Annex 1. Financial Overview

Table 1.

Structure of funds received in 2007.

Donor	Funds received		
	UAH	USD	%
Global Fund	82 997 334,32	16 435 115,71	87,83
USAID	7 028 809,00	1 391 843,37	7,44
	4 475 275,74	886 193,22	4,74
TOTAL	94 501 419,06	18 713 152,29	100,00

Table 2.

Structure of expenditures of ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine” in 2007.

Expenditure Summary	Total Spend (UAH)	Total Spend (USD)	%
Salaries	10 096 864,47	1 999 379,10	11,57
Travel	471 928,99	93 451,29	0,54
Workshops and Meetings	4 486 910,12	888 497,05	5,14
Technical Assistance	2 061 504,58	408 218,73	2,36
Grants and Subawards	51 127 783,19	10 124 313,50	58,58
Procurement, Equipment and Supplies*	12 550 182,26	2 485 184,61	14,38
Office Costs	5 280 483,51	1 045 640,30	6,05
Publications	777 515,79	153 963,52	0,89
Audit	432 347,94	85 613,45	0,50
TOTAL	87 285 520,85	17 284 261,56	100,00

Table 3.

Structure of Alliance expenses for the Programme “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemics in Ukraine” in January — December 2007.

Nº	Main Programme Objectives	Budget (USD)	Total Spend (USD)	Spent (%)
1.	Management / PR Implementation Unit	2 600 640	2 812 097	108,13
2.	Treatment, Care & Support	13 004 997	12 363 291	95,07
3.	Focused Prevention	4 345 000	3 893 046	89,60
4.	Information, Education & Advocacy	2 379 830	2 195 944	92,27
5.	Surveillance & Evaluation	836 362	912 932	109,16
6.	Alliance management fee	500 000	500 000	100,00
TOTAL		23 666 830	22 677 311	95,82

* Procurement line includes condoms donated by USAID at the amount of 3 321 418 UAH.

Annex 2. Key Outcomes of the Alliance-Ukraine Programme Activities in 2007

Results of Prevention Programme Implementation for Vulnerable Populations, As of January 1, 2008*

Region	Representatives of vulnerable populations reached with prevention services, as of January 1, 2008			
	Injecting drug users	Commercial sex workers	Men who have sex with men	Prison inmates
AR of Crimea	5186	864	263	5698
Vinnitsia oblast	1453	238	0	2937
Volyn oblast	687	32	0	0
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	28 589	1923	402	296
Donetsk oblast	15 512	1451	15	5579
Zhytomyr oblast	1290	0	0	0
Zakarpattia oblast	385	59	0	0
Zaporizhya oblast	3163	270	0	397
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	1328	176	90	1496
Kyiv oblast	456	50	0	0
Kirovohrad oblast	2003	123	0	0
Luhansk oblast	1037	39	0	0
Lviv oblast	1258	616	94	4995
Mykolayiv oblast	12 234	3516	748	4717
Odesa oblast	19 558	6592	1368	2108
Poltava oblast	3516	423	0	3311
Rivne oblast	892	180	0	0
Sumy oblast	1575	62	0	0
Ternopil oblast	0	0	0	0
Kharkiv oblast	1208	841	63	0
Kherson oblast	6254	468	124	6377
Khmelnysky oblast	2929	216	0	2803
Cherkasy oblast	7203	481	2	3565
Chernivtsi oblast	2714	318	0	0
Chernihiv oblast	1537	42	1	0
The city of Kyiv	16 674	1450	7182	869
The city of Sevastopol	1914	900	9	0
Total in Ukraine	140 555	21 330	10 361	45 148

* Source: Programme Reporting of ICF "International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine" for 2007

Distributed among the vulnerable groups in 2007		
Region	Syringes distributed	Condoms distributed
AR of Crimea	343 581	177 235
Vinnytsia oblast	121 978	42 831
Volyn oblast	100 677	5469
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	505 542	159 357
Donetsk oblast	836 682	192 852
Zhytomyr oblast	41 380	6312
Zakarpattia oblast	32 598	2170
Zaporizhya oblast	112 259	19 351
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	167 408	24 238
Kyiv oblast	2955	1979
Kirovohrad oblast	223 682	15 439
Luhansk oblast	153 630	36 820
Lviv oblast	45 118	115 981
Mykolayiv oblast	940 849	253 779
Odesa oblast	739 212	309 964
Poltava oblast	97 006	27 399
Rivne oblast	117 991	20 994
Sumy oblast	272 781	61 582
Ternopil oblast	0	0
Kharkiv oblast	93 894	170 698
Kherson oblast	150 727	56 678
Khmelnysky oblast	123 557	16 340
Cherkasy oblast	346 184	148 276
Chernivtsi oblast	176 811	29 041
Chernihiv oblast	12 376	653
The city of Kyiv	950 485	146 555
The city of Sevastopol	155 336	104 217
Total in Ukraine	6 864 699	2 146 210

Voluntary Counselling and Testing with Rapid Tests during 2007

Region	IDU	Positive results	CSW	Positive results	MSM	Positive results	Other (CSW clients, drug dependent)	Positive results	Prisoners	Positive results
AR Crimea	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vinnitsia oblast	359	105	0	0	21	3	1195	124	0	0
Volyn oblast	146	35	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	1476	738	110	44	126	12	34	4	282	48
Donetsk oblast	2779	396	222	45	29	1	255	33	0	0
Zhytomyr oblast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zakarpattia oblast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zaporizhzhya oblast	773	64	35	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	714	21	104	5	57	5	16	0	0	0
Kyiv oblast	89	25	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kirovohrad oblast	983	199	80	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luhansk oblast	1419	44	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lviv oblast	0	0	640	48	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mykolayiv oblast	1050	305	568	69	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odesa oblast	2502	488	895	130	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poltava oblast	31	6	7	5	0	0	13	2	0	0
Rivne oblast	827	80	57	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sumy oblast	52	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ternopil oblast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kharkiv oblast	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kherson oblast	1848	283	165	11	3	0	308	5	0	0
Khmelnytskyi oblast	42	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherkasy oblast	573	160	87	22	9	0	0	0	0	0
Chernivtsi oblast	1542	20	175	6	1	0	4	0	0	0
Chernihiv oblast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
City of Kyiv	3523	730	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
City of Sevastopol	960	315	621	212	0	0	432	11	0	0
Total in Ukraine	21688	4017	3889	630	256	21	2257	179	282	48

Care and Support

Region	Total number of PLH, who received care and support services		Number of PLH, who receive ARV therapy by January 1, 2008		Number of PLH, who receive medical and social support to ARV therapy by January 1, 2008	
	Children	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Adults
AR Crimea	347	2721	87	506	99	521
Vinnitsia oblast	61	683	15	108	15	108
Volyn oblast	26	115	17	48	17	48
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	444	3332	90	222	93	235
Donetsk oblast	831	4154	58	614	61	639
Zhytomyr oblast	22	268	16	21	17	25
Zakarpattia oblast	0	54	0	0	0	0
Zaporizhzhya oblast	74	756	12	141	16	147
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	6	138	6	64	6	75
Kyiv oblast	84	126	19	37	19	39
Kirovohrad oblast	41	550	10	20	18	57
Luhansk oblast	5	428	0	147	0	147
Lviv oblast	0	211	0	0	0	0
Mykolayiv oblast	416	2689	75	592	75	633
Odesa oblast	577	3704	0	36	0	91
Poltava oblast	112	1257	19	126	19	126
Rivne oblast	61	101	0	10	2	16
Sumy oblast	23	180	7	39	10	59
Ternopil oblast	2	75	0	11	0	11
Kharkiv oblast	127	327	20	111	20	111
Kherson oblast	171	1656	20	109	18	110
Khmelnytskyi oblast	36	253	27	29	29	54
Cherkasy oblast	190	1018	20	43	21	84
Chernivtsi oblast	5	230	0	0	0	0
Chernihiv oblast	178	952	0	0	0	0
City of Kyiv	433	4070	68	908	122	852
City of Sevastopol	162	785	17	154	18	210
National programmes	305	1026	0	0	0	0
Total in Ukraine	4739	31 859	603	4096	695	4398

Clients of Substitution Maintenance Therapy Programme by December 28, 2007

City	Number of clients		Number of clients with HIV	Number of clients on ARV therapy	Number of clients, getting ready to ARV therapy
	Men	Women			
Vinnytsia	25	7	9	2	2
Dnipropetrovsk	41	15	44	8	5
Donetsk	44	10	37	15	8
Zaporizhya	8	2	10	3	7
Kyiv ("Sociotherapy", in-patient and out-patient) and AIDS Centre)	95	45	109	48	17
Mykolayiv	40	14	40	14	3
Odesa	49	6	34	8	3
Poltava	20	13	18	7	6
Simferopol	48	12	38	19	19
Kherson	45	8	21	7	2
Total in Ukraine	415	132	360	131	72

Antiretroviral Therapy

Region/Organization	Number of people, who receive ART at the expense of the Global Fund			Number of people, who receive ART at the expense of the state budget		
	Adults	Children	Total	Adults	Children	Total
AR Crimea	484	45	529	144	32	176
Vinnysia oblast	68	15	83	40	0	40
Volyn oblast	35	16	51	14	0	14
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	455	118	573	164	25	189
Donetsk oblast	812	98	910	475	32	507
Zhytomyr oblast	3	16	19	18	0	18
Zakarpattia oblast	0	3	3	2	0	2
Zaporizhya oblast	110	13	123	29	2	31
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	37	5	42	25	1	26
Kyiv oblast	85	36	121	49	0	49
Kirovohrad oblast	15	13	28	3	0	3
Luhansk oblast	73	12	85	132	0	132
Lviv oblast	3	4	7	10	0	10
Mykolayiv oblast	397	57	454	213	14	227
Odesa oblast	562	81	643	329	37	366
Poltava oblast	90	21	111	39	0	39
Rivne oblast	10	0	10	2	0	2
Sumy oblast	27	7	34	13	0	13
Ternopil oblast	4	1	5	4	0	4
Kharkiv oblast	97	19	116	19	0	19
Kherson oblast	98	20	118	28	0	28
Khmelnysky oblast	33	25	58	26	0	26
Cherkasy oblast	8	22	30	37	0	37
Chernivtsi oblast	0	3	3	15	0	15
Chernihiv oblast	6	19	25	9	0	9
City of Kyiv	533	68	601	156	0	156
City of Sevastopol	106	15	121	54	0	54
Okhmatdit Clinic	0	14	14	0	1	1
Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases at AMS of Ukraine	350	1	351	196	0	196
Total	4501	767	5268	2245	144	2389

Number of patients, who received treatment of opportunistic infections with the medicines provided by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine in 2007

Region/Organization	Herpetic infection	Candidiasis	Other infections	Total
AR Crimea	22	165	306	493
Vinnitsia oblast	0	0	0	0
Volyn oblast	3	13	14	30
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	418	67	221	706
Donetsk oblast	106	36	21	163
Zhytomyr oblast	0	0	0	0
Zakarpattia oblast	0	0	0	0
Zaporizhzhya oblast	0	21	64	85
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	0	0	19	19
Kyiv oblast	30	0	67	97
Kirovohrad oblast	0	0	0	0
Luhansk oblast	2	3	39	44
Lviv oblast	0	0	15	15
Mykolayiv oblast	0	0	0	0
Odesa oblast	43	188	206	437
Poltava oblast	16	8	118	142
Rivne oblast	0	1	12	13
Sumy oblast	0	0	0	0
Ternopil oblast	0	0	0	0
Kharkiv oblast	0	0	22	22
Kherson oblast	0	0	0	0
Khmelnitsky oblast	0	0	0	0
Cherkasy oblast	0	0	0	0
Chernivtsi oblast	0	0	0	0
Chernihiv oblast	0	0	0	0
City of Kyiv	12	147	122	281
City of Sevastopol	3	9	9	21
Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases at AMS of Ukraine	93	320	558	971
Total	748	978	1813	3539

Information about the number of HIV infected pregnant women and children, born to HIV infected mothers, who received prevention of mother-to-child transmission with the medicines, purchased at the expense of the Global Fund by January 1, 2008

Region/Organization	HIV infected pregnant women, who received and continue receiving prevention of mother-to-child transmission	Children born to HIV infected mothers
AR Crimea	371	398
Vinnitsia oblast	115	99
Volyn oblast	81	91
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	1155	1195
Donetsk oblast	1267	1319
Zhytomyr oblast	110	132
Zakarpattia oblast	23	28
Zaporizhya oblast	170	166
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	35	41
Kyiv oblast	323	291
Kirovohrad oblast	238	241
Luhansk oblast	203	215
Lviv oblast	116	73
Mykolayiv oblast	521	517
Odesa oblast	789	630
Poltava oblast	171	159
Rivne oblast	60	47
Sumy oblast	46	41
Ternopil oblast	23	27
Kharkiv oblast	190	192
Kherson oblast	179	183
Khmelnysky oblast	89	99
Cherkasy oblast	208	192
Chernivtsi oblast	15	33
Chernihiv oblast	139	120
City of Kyiv	589	709
City of Sevastopol	100	104
Total:	7326	7342

Provision of VCT within the programme “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine” implemented with the support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in 2007

Region/Organization	HIV infected pregnant women, who received and continue receiving prevention of mother-to-child transmission	Children born to HIV infected mothers
Crimean Republican AIDS Centre	1212	3600
Vinnitsia Oblast AIDS Centre	694	894
Volyn Oblast AIDS Centre	182	728
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast AIDS Centre	2002	2548
Donetsk Oblast AIDS Centre	937	1723
Zhytomyr Oblast AIDS Centre	250	830
Zakarpattia Oblast AIDS Centre	508	1128
Zaporizhzhya Oblast AIDS Centre	546	1692
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast AIDS Centre	406	879
Kyiv Oblast AIDS Centre	611	1276
Kirovohrad Oblast AIDS Centre	907	1451
Luhansk Oblast AIDS Centre	360	720
Lviv Oblast AIDS Centre	236	624
Mykolayiv Oblast AIDS Centre	364	1820
Odesa Oblast AIDS Centre	1270	2152
Poltava Oblast AIDS Centre	147	534
Rivne Oblast AIDS Centre	3202	338
Sumy Oblast AIDS Centre	364	1015
Ternopil Oblast AIDS Centre	679	1042
Kherson Oblast AIDS Centre	728	1274
Khmelnitsky Oblast AIDS Centre	518	349
Cherkasy Oblast AIDS Centre	253	1164
Chernivtsi Oblast AIDS Centre	124	326
Chernihiv Oblast AIDS Centre	167	1274
Kyiv City AIDS Centre	333	577
Sevastopol City AIDS Centre	182	363
Total:	17 182	30 321

Annex 3. List of Grant Recipients and Implementing Partners of the Alliance-Ukraine, 2007

Implementing Partner	Funding programme*	Project status***	Region	Number of funded projects	Signed commitments (USD)	Funded (USD)
Abbott GmbH&Co.KG	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 345 188,00	\$ 345 188,00
Becton Dickinson International	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 59 507,00	\$ 59 507,00
DPI Pharma Limited	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 78 965,84	\$ 39 482,92
Vitma Labs Limited	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 1 428,56	\$ 1 428,56
The American International Health Alliance	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 299 829,00	\$ 225 259,00
State Joint Stock Company "Liky Ukrainy"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	3	\$ 351 302,67	\$ 70 395,33
State enterprise "Ukrmedpostach"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 263 976,63	\$ 237 685,48
Alba Ukraine Closed Joint Stock Company	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 24 708,75	\$ 24 708,75
Company "Organics Ltd"	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1		\$ 8 192,00
IDA HIV/AIDS Group	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 6 207 980,68	\$ 5 630 664,34
LLC "Ridan Engineering"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 8 877,96	\$ 8 877,96
Project Hope representative office	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 147 000,00	\$ 148 074,60
Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)		International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ -	\$ 75 514,87
Rusan Farma Ltd.	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 1 533 960,00	\$ 837 270,00
Thai Nippon Rubber Industry Co.,Ltd	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 59 850,00	\$ -
LLC "Biomedinvest"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 39 798,27	\$ 39 798,27
LLC "VVS - LTD"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 131 873,66	\$ 131 873,66
LLC "Medcom Ukraine"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 70 000,00	\$ 35 000,00
LLC "National Motor Company"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 499 009,90	\$ 399 207,92
LLC "Nutricia Ukraine"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 91 563,33	\$ 91 563,33
LLC "Factor-Med"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 1 951,68	\$ -
LLC "Farmasco"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 70 964,85	\$ 35 482,43
LLC "Uviss"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 130 138,61	\$ 130 138,61
Traesco	GFA	International	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 112 000,00	\$ 56 000,00
Substance Abuse and AIDS prevention Foundation (SAAPF)	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	3	\$ 218 838,44	\$ 222 698,93
Charitable fund of youth participation	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	3	\$ 99 994,94	\$ 99 976,02
All-Ukrainian charitable organisation "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" **	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 1 093 561,09	\$ 454 132,24
All-Ukrainian charitable organisation "Ukrainian Harm Reduction Association"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 89 085,29	\$ 41 575,42
All-Ukrainian charitable organisation "Time of Life Plus"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	5	\$ 233 649,07	\$ 220 354,45
All-Ukrainian charitable fund "Faith.Hope.Love"	CR	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ -	\$ 6 583,78
Civil Society Organization "Analytical Centre Socioconsulting"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 23 366,34	\$ 23 366,24
Charitable organisation "Childhood Without AIDS"	GFA, GFN, US	National	All-Ukrainian	9	\$ 196 419,09	\$ 132 343,31
Charitable organisation "Health Through Education"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 300 254,93	\$ 294 956,84
IPO "Internews-Ukraine"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ -	\$ 22 840,00
National Committee of the "Red Cross Ukraine"	GFN	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 99 693,73	\$ 138 136,41

Implementing Partner	Funding programme *	Project status***	Region	Number of funded projects	Signed commitments (USD)	Funded (USD)
Dragomanov National Pedagogical University	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 49 998,26	\$ 42 783,48
NGO "East-European Development Institute"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ -	\$ -
LLC Information Centre on Alcohol and Drugs	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 14 851,49	\$ 14 851,49
LLC "Kyiv International Institute of Sociology (KIIS)"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 4 465,43	\$ 4 465,43
LLC "Oranta"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	1	\$ 30 111,68	\$ 30 111,68
LLC "SOCIS CSPR"	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 53 794,57	\$ 53 794,57
Ukrainian Institute of Public Health Policy Research	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	5	\$ 333 041,75	\$ 280 953,12
Yaremenko Ukrainian Institute of Social Studies	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 148 413,50	\$ 148 413,41
National AIDS Prevention Centre, MoH of Ukraine	GFA	National	All-Ukrainian	2	\$ 379 549,40	\$ 418 702,49
Charitable fund " Hope and Salvation"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	AR Crimea	9	\$ 854 307,85	\$ 276 494,26
Charitable fund for cultural and creative development "Lotos"	GFA	Regional	AR Crimea	1	\$ -	\$ 33 620,51
NGO Club "Modus"	GFA	Regional	AR Crimea	3	\$ 30 281,20	\$ 21 075,15
Children's NGO "New Social Technologies"	GFA	Regional	AR Crimea	1	\$ -	\$ 36 441,76
Women's NGO "Club of family creativity"	US	Regional	AR Crimea	2	\$ 29 649,90	\$ 29 850,12
Communcal Enterprise City Clinical Hospital № 2»	GFA	Regional	AR Crimea	1	\$ 5 244,51	\$ 5 244,51
Crimea regional division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFA, GFN	Regional	AR Crimea	2	\$ 15 756,78	\$ 64 105,92
City Hospital №1, Yalta, Mental Ward	GFA	Regional	AR Crimea	1	\$ 4 993,27	\$ 4 993,27
Sevastopol city charitable organisation "Haven plus"	GFN, US	Regional	AR Crimea	4	\$ 61 362,93	\$ 59 501,25
Sevastopol city organisation "Youth Center of Women's Initiatives"	GFA, US	Regional	AR Crimea	4	\$ 150 946,54	\$ 156 519,04
Resocialisation Center of Drug-addicted Youth "Your Victory"	GFA	Regional	AR Crimea	4	\$ 38 470,11	\$ 37 896,01
Vinnitsia division of the charitable International Human Development Fund	GFA	Regional	Vinnitsia obl.	3	\$ 53 962,98	\$ 38 666,44
Vinnitsia public Congress "Stalist"	GFA	Regional	Vinnitsia obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 57 552,88
Vinnitsia oblast charitable fund "Positive"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Vinnitsia obl.	3	\$ 24 681,42	\$ 28 701,75
Vinnitsia oblast public Congress "Stalist"	GFA	Regional	Vinnitsia obl.	1	\$ 18 987,41	\$ 18 987,41
Vinnitsia oblast AIDS Center	GFA	Regional	Vinnitsia obl.	1	\$ 88 244,79	\$ 28 719,36
Illinets District Territorial Medical Association	GFA	Regional	Vinnitsia obl.	1	\$ 5 144,52	\$ 5 144,52
Volyn oblast charitable fund "Chance"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Volyn obl.	4	\$ 61 319,25	\$ 52 551,58
Charitable organization "With hope"	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 14 723,56	\$ 5 717,98
Chatitable organisation "HELP"	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	2	\$ 51 260,45	\$ 43 077,11
Kryvyi Rig charitable fund "Public Health"	GFA, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	5	\$ 84 714,65	\$ 90 452,22
Charitable fund "Rehabilitation centre for drug users "Virtus"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	4	\$ 65 586,82	\$ 105 070,34
NGO "Dniprovsky humanitarian initiatives"	GFA, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	3	\$ 63 862,33	\$ 71 099,71

Implementing Partner	Funding programme *	Project status***	Region	Number of funded projects	Signed commitments (USD)	Funded (USD)
NGO Nikopol centre for spiritual and social-psychological rehabilitation "Open door"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	3	\$ 83 839,63	\$ 61 207,87
NGO Club "Victoria"	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	3	\$ 65 700,40	\$ 49 191,19
NGO Club "Impulse"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	5	\$ 65 193,59	\$ 84 363,74
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 5 000,00	\$ 5 000,00
Communal Enterprises Dnipropetrovsk City Clinical Hospital № 21	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	2	\$ 26 497,62	\$ 26 497,62
Kryvyi Rig city charitable organisation "Our Future"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	3	\$ 60 772,14	\$ 30 210,01
Kryvyi Rig oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	4	\$ 93 034,14	\$ 87 998,80
Dnipropetrovsk City Polyclinic № 5	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 4 982,97	\$ 4 982,97
City Community Centre of Drug Addicted People "Future without AIDS"	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 22 824,70	\$ 8 944,85
Nikopol City Mental Clinic	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 5 017,82	\$ 5 017,82
Oblast Communal Enterprise Mental Clinic	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	2	\$ 9 920,79	\$ 9 920,79
Ordzhonikidze City CO "Victoria"	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	2	\$ 24 940,06	\$ 8 817,10
Pavlograd city charitable organisation "Oberig"	GFN	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 5 791,88	\$ 1 978,15
Pavlograd Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 5 000,00	\$ 5 000,00
First City Clinic of Dniprodzerzhinsk	GFA	Regional	Dnipropetrovsk obl.	1	\$ 4 851,43	\$ 4 851,43
Charitable organisation Club "Svitanok"	GFN, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	3	\$ 66 305,22	\$ 66 908,24
Charitable organisation Club "Your Choice"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	3	\$ 11 868,86	\$ 4 680,51
Charitable fund "Donbas Against children's AIDS"	GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 7 267,56
Charitable fund "Pikluvannya"	GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 15 597,34
Gorlivka city NGO "Line of life"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	7	\$ 126 195,33	\$ 134 452,38
NGO "Mariupol Youth Association"	GFA, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	3	\$ 65 716,53	\$ 60 345,13
NGO "Donbas without drugs"	GFA	Regional	Donetsk obl.	3	\$ 73 935,78	\$ 55 659,62
Donetsk oblast NGO "Peremoga"	GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	2	\$ 14 314,00	\$ 5 724,47
Donetsk oblast association to support HIV-infected people	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	7	\$ 199 673,84	\$ 193 061,89
Donetsk charitable fund "Oberig"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	7	\$ 121 378,77	\$ 115 334,72
Kramatorsk city charitable organisation "New Day"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	4	\$ 27 395,62	\$ 15 861,57
Oblast CSO "Club Stalker"	GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 511,49
Sloviansk city NGO "Our help"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	6	\$ 180 413,09	\$ 152 585,93
NGO "Union "Amikus"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Donetsk obl.	7	\$ 142 348,63	\$ 127 446,51
PCO Mariupol City Association of HIV/AIDS Prevention "Vybir"	GFN	Regional	Donetsk obl.	2	\$ 23 430,47	\$ 12 570,16
Zhytomyr oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Zhytomyr obl.	1	\$ 11 980,20	\$ 11 980,20
Zhytomyr Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Zhytomyr obl.	2	\$ 15 080,38	\$ 15 080,38
Zhytomyr charity fund for Prevention of Socially DD and AIDS	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zhytomyr obl.	4	\$ 40 925,66	\$ 44 098,27
Zakarpattia oblast charitable fund "Zakarpattia Against AIDS"	GFA	Regional	Zakarpattia obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 15 362,53
Charitable fund "Live's Going On"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zaporizhzhya obl.	4	\$ 30 327,58	\$ 16 953,65

Implementing Partner	Funding programme *	Project status***	Region	Number of funded projects	Signed commitments (USD)	Funded (USD)
Charitable fund "Spodivannya"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zaporizhya obl.	5	\$ 114 907,08	\$ 120 879,14
Zaporizhya oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Zaporizhya obl.	3	\$ 52 632,39	\$ 27 600,84
Zaporizhya Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Zaporizhya obl.	1	\$ 5 000,00	\$ 5 000,00
Zaporizhya oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Zaporizhya obl.	1	\$ 4 999,68	\$ 4 999,68
Charitable fund "Solidarnist"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Ivano-Frankivsk obl.	5	\$ 160 594,64	\$ 156 702,19
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Ivano-Frankivsk obl.	1	\$ 5 000,00	\$ 5 000,00
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Ivano-Frankivsk obl.	1	\$ 5 143,99	\$ 5 143,99
Charitable fund "Drop in Center"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	3	\$ 86 186,19	\$ 83 111,61
All-Ukrainian charitable organisation "CONVICTUS UKRAINA"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	1	\$ 233,66	\$ 233,66
NGO "Gay Alliance"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	3	\$ 94 383,87	\$ 82 977,04
Civil society organizatn "Institute for the Problems of Drug Use and Criminality"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	1	\$ -	\$ 2 429,68
NGO "Eney Club"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	2	\$ 204 760,41	\$ 193 035,09
Civil society organization "Youth Centre on the Transformation of Social Sphere "SOCIUM -XXI"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	4	\$ 102 099,31	\$ 84 074,67
Kyiv City Clinical Hospital № 5	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	1	\$ 5 049,50	\$ 5 049,50
Kyiv city organisation of the Red Cross Association of Ukraine	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	1	\$ 14 570,53	\$ 3 735,87
Kyiv branch of ICO "Rehabilitation Center STEPS"	GFA	Regional	Kyiv	3	\$ 126 711,92	\$ 127 515,10
Kyiv city division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Kyiv	2	\$ 142 424,75	\$ 121 344,21
International charitable fund "Vertikal"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Kyiv	5	\$ 80 553,67	\$ 84 002,90
Center for Chemically Dependent Young People CO "Step by Step"	GFA, US	Regional	Kyiv	5	\$ 112 115,04	\$ 104 745,76
Charitable organisation "Alfa Life"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Kyiv obl.	6	\$ 115 289,96	\$ 89 210,41
Brovary city charitable fund "Peremoga"	GFN	Regional	Kyiv obl.	1	\$ 28 729,96	\$ 10 666,46
Kirovohrad oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Kirovohrad obl.	2	\$ 46 810,08	\$ 42 109,36
Kyrovohrad Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Kirovohrad obl.	1	\$ 4 932,87	\$ 4 932,87
Oblast charitable fund "Return to Life"	GFA	Regional	Kirovohrad obl.	3	\$ 105 560,83	\$ 93 296,32
Luhansk city charitable fund Anti-AIDS	GFA	Regional	Luhansk obl.	1	\$ 25 677,73	\$ 8 269,06
Luhansk city charitable fund "Step Forward Future"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Luhansk obl.	5	\$ 82 484,39	\$ 88 244,04
Luhansk oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Luhansk obl.	1	\$ 16 706,14	\$ 16 706,14
Charitable fund "Avante"	GFN	Regional	Lviv obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 5 106,34
Charity Fund "Centre for social and psychological information "All Together"	GFA	Regional	Lviv obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 31 596,82
Charitable fund SALUS	GFA	Regional	Lviv obl.	2	\$ 34 235,34	\$ 25 548,46
Lviv City charity organisation "Center for Spiritual and Psychological Support and Self-help" "Doroga"	GFA	Regional	Lviv obl.	2	\$ 27 029,37	\$ 24 732,44
Lviv oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Lviv obl.	2	\$ 608,91	\$ 1 123,76
Lviv Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Lviv obl.	1	\$ 4 947,33	\$ 4 947,33
MAHIV "Chas Zhyttya"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	7	\$ 131 743,52	\$ 113 417,18

Implementing Partner	Funding programme *	Project status***	Region	Number of funded projects	Signed commitments (USD)	Funded (USD)
CO Mykolaiv Association of GLB "LIGA"	US	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	2	\$ 12 113,59	\$ 10 079,92
Mykolaiv oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	2	\$ 39 816,97	\$ 27 589,52
Mykolaiv city charitable fund "Vyhid"	GFA, US	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	4	\$ 65 911,31	\$ 86 271,34
Mykolaiv city charitable fund "Unitus"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	8	\$ 226 220,54	\$ 169 468,40
Mykolaiv oblast charitable fund "New century "	GFA, US	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	7	\$ 218 358,25	\$ 239 987,68
Mykolaiv Oblast charity fund "Development and Help"	GFN	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	1	\$ 473,27	\$ 473,27
Mykolaiv Oblast charity fund to fight TB "Vita-Light"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	3	\$ 40 577,74	\$ 36 650,77
Mykolaiv Oblast civil youth movement "Penitentiary Initiative"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Mykolaiv obl.	5	\$ 74 667,55	\$ 85 445,34
Charitable organisation "Club "Future"	GFN	Regional	Odesa obl.	1	\$ 469,43	\$ 469,43
Charity organization "Association of non-governmental organizations "Together for Life"	GFA	Regional	Odesa obl.	1	\$ 24 958,05	\$ 8 319,35
Charity organization "The Hand of Help"	GFN	Regional	Odesa obl.	2	\$ 14 845,02	\$ 10 196,24
Charity organization "Christian Rehabilitation Centre "Blagodat" (Grace)	GFA, US	Regional	Odesa obl.	3	\$ 26 118,71	\$ 37 318,41
Charitable youth organisation "Club Life +"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Odesa obl.	6	\$ 16 859,80	\$ 153 354,01
NGO "Alternative"	GFA, US	Regional	Odesa obl.	2	\$ 4 653,63	\$ 12 872,42
NGO "Era of Mercy"	GFN	Regional	Odesa obl.	1	\$ 5 342,80	\$ 1 808,71
NGO "Youth Center for Development"	GFA, US	Regional	Odesa obl.	4	\$ 111 054,68	\$ 59 591,25
NGO "Our Children"	GFA	Regional	Odesa obl.	2	\$ 45 540,48	\$ 49 545,30
Public Movement "Faith, Love, Hope"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Odesa obl.	4	\$ 192 263,37	\$ 133 600,17
ICO Youth Civil Movement "Partner"	GFA	Regional	Odesa obl.	1	\$ 16 788,43	\$ 6 786,23
International charitable organisation "Rehabilitation Center STEPS"	GFA	Regional	Odesa obl.	2	\$ 81 571,06	\$ 80 878,17
Odesa charitable fund "The Way Home"	GFA, US	Regional	Odesa obl.	6	\$ 239 920,85	\$ 294 853,18
Odesa Oblast charity fund "For the Future without AIDS"	GFA	Regional	Odesa obl.	1	\$ 3 629,50	\$ 3 629,50
South-Ukrainian Center "Health. Woman. Longivity"	GFN	Regional	Odesa obl.	2	\$ 28 302,00	\$ 23 940,90
Yuzhny City charity fund "Time of Youth"	GFA	Regional	Odesa obl.	1	\$ 4 527,62	\$ 4 527,62
Charitable association "Light of Hope"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Poltava obl.	5	\$ 171 161,00	\$ 126 326,83
NGO Club "Kviten"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Poltava obl.	4	\$ 37 514,81	\$ 77 467,56
Poltava oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Poltava obl.	2	\$ 594,18	\$ 17 644,78
Poltava oblast charitable fund "Community Health"	GFA	Regional	Poltava obl.	2	\$ 73 447,02	\$ 66 806,39
Poltava oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Poltava obl.	1	\$ 17 696,44	\$ 17 696,44
Rivne oblast charitable fund "Future without AIDS"	GFA	Regional	Rivne obl.	6	\$ 59 708,41	\$ 59 602,32
Charitable organisation "Vybir"	GFN	Regional	Sumy obl.	1	\$ 28 121,59	\$ 27 084,54
Sumy oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Sumy obl.	1	\$ 590,40	\$ 590,40

Implementing Partner	Funding programme *	Project status***	Region	Number of funded projects	Signed commitments (USD)	Funded (USD)
Sumy oblast charitable fund "Step to Meet"	GFA	Regional	Sumy obl.	2	\$ 86 955,51	\$ 49 392,47
Ternopil city organisation "Centre for spiritual and psychological support "Sources"	GFN	Regional	Ternopil obl.	2	\$ 13 640,37	\$ 10 396,17
Ternopil Oblast Drug Clinic	GFA	Regional	Ternopil obl.	1	\$ 4 852,65	\$ 4 852,65
Kharkiv oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Kharkiv obl.	2	\$ 74 489,00	\$ 57 677,69
Kharkiv city charitable fund "Blago"	GFA	Regional	Kharkiv obl.	2	\$ 72 498,29	\$ 54 238,20
Civil society organization "Information and educational centre "For Equal Rights"	GFA	Regional	Kharkiv obl.	1	\$ 13 198,82	\$ 4 938,48
Kahovka city division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFA, GFN, US	Regional	Kherson obl.	2	\$ 24 814,63	\$ 10 716,74
Kherson city NGO "Association XXI Century"	GFN	Regional	Kherson obl.	2	\$ 41 443,38	\$ 61 041,46
Kherson city NGO Club "Awakening"	GFA	Regional	Kherson obl.	3	\$ 28 369,90	\$ 29 002,21
Kherson oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Kherson obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 1 001,98
Kherson city centre for youth initiatives "Totem"	GFA	Regional	Kherson obl.	1	\$ -	\$ 5 116,06
Kherson oblast charitable fund "Mangust"	GFA, US	Regional	Kherson obl.	4	\$ 145 666,12	\$ 195 425,03
Association of Assistance of Drug Addiction Problems "Victoria"	GFA, GFN	Regional	Khmelnitskiy obl.	3	\$ 84 401,19	\$ 95 566,32
Khmelnitskiy oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Khmelnitskiy obl.	1	\$ 39 068,15	\$ 14 497,96
NGO "Smila City Information-consultation Centre to protect Family and Personality "Dialogue"	GFA	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	2	\$ 35 175,28	\$ 28 078,61
Kaniv city charitable organisation "From Heart to Heart"	US	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	2	\$ 17 929,22	\$ 17 645,94
Uman charitable fund "Awakening"	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	3	\$ 51 177,17	\$ 47 916,53
Cherkasy charitable PLHA organisation "From Heart to Heart"	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	5	\$ 31 218,31	\$ 47 705,97
Cherkasy oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	2	\$ 119 009,90	\$ 85 098,07
Cherkasy charitable fund "Insight"	GFA, US	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	8	\$ 131 299,52	\$ 138 490,69
Cherkasy oblast AIDS Centre	GFA	Regional	Cherkasy obl.	1	\$ 11 641,07	\$ 11 641,07
Chernivtsi oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Chernivtsi obl.	2	\$ 594,06	\$ 16 040,63
Chernivtsi city charitable fund "New family"	GFA	Regional	Chernivtsi obl.	2	\$ 66 363,35	\$ 57 350,75
NGO Rehabilitation Centre "Stupeni"	GFA	Regional	Chernigiv obl.	2	\$ 43 229,98	\$ 48 786,26
Chernigiv oblast division of "All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA"	GFN	Regional	Chernigiv obl.	2	\$ 14 297,82	\$ 41 152,42
Total:				473	22 234 398,10	18 861 435,06

* Funding Programmes
 GFA — direct grant to the Alliance-Ukraine under the Global Fund programmes
 GFN — indirect Alliance-Ukraine grant under the Global Fund Programme
 US — direct grant to Alliance-Ukraine under the USAID programmes
 CR — other programmes

** The amounts do not include sub-granting costs

*** International status of the projects means that they are administered by Alliance-Ukraine, but agreements are signed with International HIV/AIDS Alliance who performs appropriate transactions.

Annex 4. Laboratory Equipment and Reagents Supplied to Regions as Humanitarian Aid within the “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine” Programme Implementation, 2007

Name of Regional AIDS Centre	Reagents to identify CD4 count	Test-kits for infant HIV DNA testing	Viral Load tests	Sample preparation station for immunologic analysis, (TQ-PREP)	Sample preparation station for aliquotation of samples and reagents, («Prep Plus 2»)	Reagents for TQ-PREP station	Expandables	Total, \$
Ukrainian AIDS Centre	34092,32	25250	246612,67				1642,47	307597,46
Crimea Republican AIDS Centre	31471,32	1893,75	67261,69					100626,76
Dnipropetrovsk Regional AIDS Centre	10916							10916
Donetsk Regional AIDS Centre				19049,5	34217,82	5901		59168,32
Odesa Regional AIDS Centre	40142,32	4418,75	116003,43					160564,5
Kyiv City AIDS Centre			50788,42	19049,5	34217,82	5901		109956,74

Annex 5. List of Medicines Procured for the Implementation of the Program “Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine”, 2007

Product Category	Product	Strength	Number of tablets, capsules, ml, g	2007					
				1st purchase			2nd purchase		
				quantity	price, USD	Total cost, USD	quantity	price, USD	Total cost, USD
ARVs	Didanosine EC (ddl)	400mg	30	2 568	44,08	113197,44	3 443	44,08	151767,44
	Nelfinavir (NFV)	250mg	270	214	180,60	38648,40			0,00
	Stavudine (d4T)	40mg	60	4 544	2,75	12496,00			0,00
	Stavudine (d4T)	30mg	60	748	2,49	1862,52	128	2,27	290,56
	Lopinavir (LPV) +ritonavir (Rtv)	133,3mg +33,3mg	180	5 400	212,56	1147824,00	8 780	98,60	865708,00
	Lamivudine (3TC)	150mg	60	5 424	3,96	21479,04	2 535	3,60	9126,00
	Zidovudine (AZT)	100mg	100	6 680	5,92	39545,60			0,00
	Zidovudine(AZT)+ lamivudine (3TC)	300mg+ 150mg	60	20 577	10,24	210708,48	5 781	10,47	60527,07
	Nevirapine (NVP)	200mg	60	5 558	3,90	21676,20	1 527	4,02	6138,54
	Didanosine (ddl)	100mg	60	268	24,55	6579,40	947	24,55	23248,85
	Didanosine (ddl)	250mg	60	183	44,08	8066,64	736	44,08	32442,88
	Didanosine (ddl)	250mg	60	356	30,85	10982,60			
	Efavirenz (EFV)	200mg	90	15 207	20,10	305660,70	10 903	20,10	219150,30
	Lamivudine (3TC)	10mg/ml	100	5 840	1,38	8059,20	2 152	1,48	3184,96
	Lopinavir (LPV)+ ritonavir (Rtv)	80mg/ml+20mg/ml	300	188	212,56	39961,28	1 581	98,60	155886,60
	Nevirapine (NVP)	10mg/ml	100	1 803	18,78	33860,34	2 805	1,27	3562,35
	Stavudine (d4T)	1mg/ml	200	1 545	25,39	39227,55	759	25,39	19271,01
	Abacavir (ABC)	300mg	60				924	31,04	28680,96
	Abacavir (ABC)	240 ml	240				510	26,45	13489,50
	Zidovudine (AZT)	10mg/ml	100	9 329	1,24	11567,96	6 065	1,27	7702,55
All other products	Fluconazole	100 mg	7	840	47,90	40236,00			
	Amphotericin B	10 ml	1	1 960	12,42	24343,20			
	Cefepime	1 g	1	2 100	16,24	34104,00			
	Ceftriaxone	1 g	1	2 800	0,80	2240,00			
	Amikacin	1 g	1	2 520	1,49	3754,80			
	Clarithromycin	500 mg	5	280	7,99	2237,20			
	Valaciclovir	500 mg	42	500	83,4	41700,00			
	Ganciclovir	500 mg	1	1 000	53,20	53200,00			
	Amoxicillin clavulanate	1 g /0,2 g	5	560	14,56	8153,60			
	Clindamycin	600 mg/4 ml	1	2 520	8,18	20613,60			
	Azithromycin	500 mg	3	700	5,87	4109,00			
	Miconazole	10 mg	70	180		0,00			
	CD4 tests			8 500	7,00	59500,00			
	Viral Load tests			10 080	34,24	345139,20			
	HIV Rapid tests			26 800	1,49	39932,00			
	Sample Station Preparation			2	65720,00	131440,00			
	Infant formula			39 186	2,36	92478,96			
	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride	2 mg	10	28 188	10,35	277462,80	9900	10,35	102465,00
	Buprenorphine Hydrochloride	8 mg	10	14 094	36,10	508793,40	4950	36,10	178695,00
	Condoms Blue/Gold			13 680 000	0,05	677160,00			

Annex 6. Provision of Drugs and Baby Milk Formula in the Regions, 2007

Information about total cost of drugs and medical products provided as a humanitarian aid by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine within Round 1 funding from 01.01.2007 to 01.01.2008*

Regions	Total ARV drugs, UAH	Total drugs to treat opportunistic infections, UAH	Total milk formula, UAH	Total HIV rapid tests, UAH	Total condoms, UAH	Total buprenorphine, UAH	Total
AR Crimea	2 258 726	41 330	115 856	22 659	26 247	505 630	2 970 449
Vinnitsia oblast	304 276	4 138	12 544	13 312	43 496	310 996	688 762
Volyn oblast	168 005	5 108	24 496	1 505	13 499		212 612
Dnipropetrovsk oblast	2 063 479	104 630	45 430	39 885	65 243	505 630	2 824 297
Donetsk oblast	2 990 168	163 991	110 193	49 000	72 743	505 630	3 891 725
Zhytomyr oblast	55 102	556	25 280	0			80 938
Zakarpattia oblast	18 611	0	3 052	752	8 999		31 414
Zaporizhzhya oblast	501 822	11 069	61 963	7 431	12 749	59 162	654 195
Ivano-Frankivsk oblast	177 805	2 274	16 854	14 362	35 246		246 541
Kyiv oblast	437 153	53 050	29 073	54 505	7 499		581 280
Kirovohrad oblast	92 281	0	34 241	14 105	7 499		148 125
Luhansk oblast	374 228	0	34 963	6 893	23 248		439 331
Lviv oblast	31 100	0	4 100	4 318	114 739		154 256
Mykolayiv oblast	1 627 557	33 942	46 332	28 083	151 485	505 630	2 393 029
Odessa oblast	2 332 127	82 278	58 308	44 324	80 992	505 630	3 103 659
Poltava oblast	362 102	39 252	11 551	2 257	17 998	310 996	744 157
Rivne oblast	37 659	0	5 902	6 893	25 497		75 953
Sumy oblast	109 124	0	2 193	3 010	34 497		148 823
Ternopil oblast	21 727	10 537	4 098	0			36 362
Kharkiv oblast	409 100	0	58 500	4 515	56 994		529 109
Kherson oblast	389 930	12 120	44 497	20 402	45 745	505 630	1 018 325
Khmelnitsky oblast	264 276	1 444	15 326	2 257	26 997		310 301
Cherkasy oblast	131 906	0	18 702	12 872	46 495		209 975
Chernivtsi oblast	9 995	0	1 321	15 054	38 996		65 366
Chernihiv oblast	104 191	238	47 467	2 576			154 471
Kyiv City Hospital №5	2 270 109	37 657	59 376	0			2 367 143
The city of Kyiv				0	48 745	840 827	889 572
The city of Sevastopol	608 555	21 801	16 048	0	20 248		666 652
LAVRA Clinic	2 077 596	35 124	0	0			2 112 720
Okhmatdyt Clinic	74 315	0	0	0			74 315
Total	20 303 26		907 666	370 970	1 025 897	4 555 761	27 823 858

* In total 582 medical institutions received drugs and baby milk formula within the programme in 2007.

Annex 7. Audit Opinion



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Auditors' Report to the members of International HIV/AIDS Alliance

We have audited the financial statements of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine (further – the Alliance), including the balance sheet as at December 31, 2007, income statement, cash flow statement for the year then ended, as well as description of material aspects of the accounting policy and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages 3 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The Alliance responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with Ukrainian Accounting Regulations (Standards) are as follows:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Follow applicable accounting standards subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the entity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the entity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the entity and hence for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Our responsibility is to provide an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We have performed our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- The financial statements present fairly the financial position of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine as at 31 December 2007 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with National Accounting Standards of Ukraine;
- In all material respects, ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine has complied with local statutory and taxation requirements and its' activities have been conducted in conformity with the grant agreements in place during the year.

Kyiv, March 19, 2008

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Notes	2007 Restricted thousand UAH	2006 Restricted thousand UAH
Revenue			
Revenue from charitable activities		75900,1	66479,7
Deposit account income		40,4	
Total revenue		<u>75940,5</u>	<u>66479,7</u>
Expenditure			
Operational costs		52730,6	48936
Administrative costs		23170,6	17543,8
Foreign exchange gains/losses		809,3	98,4
Total expenditure		<u>76710,5</u>	<u>66578,2</u>
Net income/loss for the year		<u>-770</u>	<u>98,4</u>
Other recognised gains/(losses)		1,1	
Foreign exchange gains/losses		809,3	98,4

Chief Accountant

Executive Director




Zatuliyter Larysa

Klepikov Andriy

BALANCE SHEET



as at 31 December 2007

		2007	2006
	Notes	thousand UAH	thousand UAH
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets: net book value	2	656,4	537,0
Tangible assets: original costs		2 206,0	1414,9
Accumulated Depreciation		-1549,6	-877,9
Intangible assets: net book value	2	89,8	142,0
Intangible assets: original costs		306,0	281,8
Accumulated Depreciation		-216,20	-139,8
Total fixed assets		746,2	679,0
Current assets			
Products	3	2 061,2	503,5
Debtors	4	28 927,2	19 147,2
Cash at bank	5	9 226,8	1 664,4
Prepaid expenses		8,8	7,8
Total current assets		40 224,0	21 322,9
Total Assets		40 970,2	22 001,9
Liabilities			
Bank loans		283,1	
Creditors	6	88,2	174,9
Differed income: restricted funds		40 950,7	21447,4
Accruals		746,2	725,9
Other current liabilities		17,3	
Total liabilities		42 085,5	22 348,2
Loss on exchange difference	7	-1 115,3	346,3
Total loss		-1 115,3	-346,3

The amounts are represented in thousand UAH

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Annex 8. Publishing Activities of ICF International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine in 2007

Policy and Programme Development Department of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine developed, published and coordinated development and publication of informational products of the Alliance in Ukraine. All publications are distributed among the target audiences and are available in electronic form on the Alliance website in the Infocenter section.



309. Legal Information for Drug Users

The brochure was developed by the CF Drop-in Centre with the support of International HIV/AIDS Alliance; it is oriented towards drug users and contains information about the basic civil rights and responsibilities for the violation of the legislation of Ukraine (according to the articles 307 and 308 of the CC). The brochure also explains, on the basis of real life stories, how to behave in specific situations (e.g., at the moment of detention by the militia, personal search etc.) and comments of lawyers are provided.



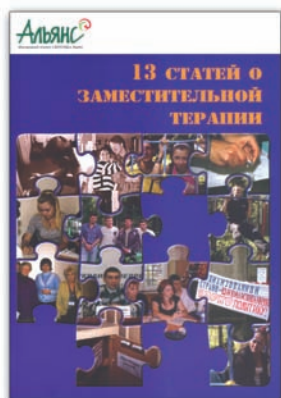
Monitoring and Evaluation of Programmes and Projects. Practical Manual

This manual is a first attempt to combine various information sources and documents in the area of programme monitoring and evaluation, as well as to accumulate the experience and best practice obtained in the process of implementation of the "Overcoming HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Ukraine" programme supported by the Global Fund. It is designed to become a practical guide for governmental and non-governmental organisations that are implementing projects, or providing services in the area of HIV/AIDS response. It will be the most useful for the employees responsible for the development and management of monitoring and evaluation systems in order to keep track of coverage and efficiency of their programmes and projects. The manual authors tried to summarize the existing resources and provide a user-friendly list of steps and tools, which would enable national participants to create and apply a coordinated system for programme monitoring and evaluation in Ukraine.



Training Modules on the Prevention of Professional Burnout Syndrome

This publication has been designed in the form of a collection of methodological guidelines based on the results of a series of training workshops on the prevention of professional burnout for the staff of HIV servicing non-governmental organisations. The methodological guidelines are comprised of several sections: Complementary Informational and Methodological Materials for Trainers; Methodological Basis for Training Implementation: Preparation, Conducting and Evaluation of Prevention Training Efficiency; Training Modules Aimed at Prevention of Professional Burnout Syndrome. The training modules that are presented in the manual will help to develop psychological competence for stress, conflict and time management, and will also contribute to the development of skills of confident behaviour. Psychological tests and blank forms for the exercises are attached in the end of each training module.



13 Articles on Substitution Therapy

The collection contains publications for various years covering the issue of introduction of substitution maintenance programmes. This collection can be interesting for a wide readership: a health researcher will find there the views of international and national experts in the area of medical science; a policy-maker will find publications by politicians; a drug addicted person will read the opinions of the SMT programme clients; even opponents will find here articles of their like-minded people. The compilers of this publication knowingly decided not to limit the range of authors to exclusively advocates of ST and included several articles written by the opponents to this method, which in many respects reflect the typical position of the most adversaries to the ST programmes. The key objective of this collection is to present an objective and scientifically sound information that would help to deal with existing stereotypes, understand the essence and effectiveness of substitution therapy.



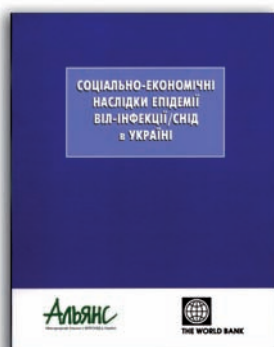
A series of "Harm Reduction" Leaflets for Drug Users

A series of 16 leaflets tells the readers in a brief and clear form about the risks related to the use of different drugs. One can find there information about HIV, safe sex, chemical dependence, use of opiates, marijuana, recreational drugs, stimulants and tramadol, substitution therapy, etc. The leaflets were developed by an expert commission of the Alliance, specialists from harm reduction, SMT (Substitution Maintenance Therapy) and rehabilitation projects that work in Ukraine, narcologists and international experts. Some topics, especially use of tramadol, have been covered for the first time.



Newsletter "HIV/AIDS News:

Each issue of the newsletter covers a certain aspect of HIV/AIDS pandemic and contains respective information, professional opinions, and comments of AIDS response activists that influence the government policy in this area. In 2007 the newsletter was issued on the topic "Setting and Achieving Goals for HIV/AIDS Epidemic Response". Subsequently it was decided to publish the newsletter in a new form, as "HIV/AIDS Digest". The first issue of this digest was devoted to the topic "Partnership with Local Governments".

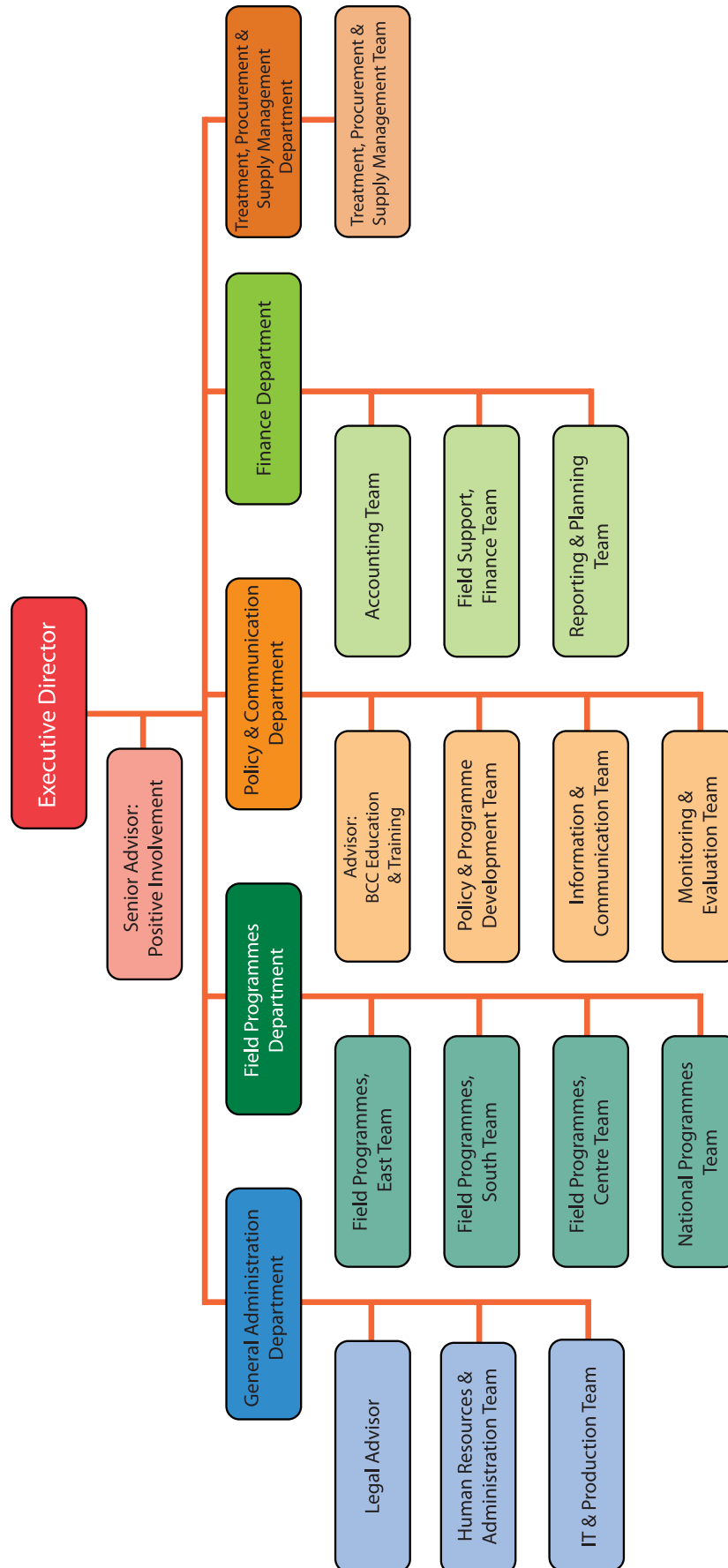


A research "**Social and Economic Forecast of HIV/AIDS Epidemic Impact in Ukraine**" implemented by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine with the support from the World Bank, International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and with a technical assistance from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has evaluated the medium- and long-term impact of HIV/AIDS epidemic and determined the results of prevention and treatment. Forecasts of social and economic consequences of AIDS epidemic were developed on the basis of several scenarios of the situation development (in 2007 it was also published in Ukrainian language).



Analytical Report based on the results of a study of awareness of HIV/AIDS issues and of attitudes towards HIV positive children and PLHA by the managers and employees of pre-school facilities of the cities of Kyiv, Odesa and AR Crimea (cities of Simferopol, Yalta, Kerch and Feodosia). The study was performed by the ACO “Civil Council on Social Problems with the Development of a New Generation”. Its main objective was to evaluate the level of awareness and attitudes of the managers and employees of children’s facilities to HIV positive children and children from families, affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as to identify key ways of influence on the existing situation in order to develop an effective mechanism for the fostering of tolerant attitude to children with HIV.

Annex 9. Organisational Structure of ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”



Annex 10. Staff and Governing Board Members of ICF “International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”*

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Yaremenko Ivanna	Human Resources & Administration Assistant
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Yakovlev Mykhailo	Household Manager
Sheremet Valeriy	Security Guard
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Treatment, Procurement and Supply Management Team

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